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## Cooperation between the Governments of Socialist Republic of Viet Nam and Republic of the Philippines on Oil Spill Preparedness and Response

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Recognize the importance of bi-lateral cooperation to enhance national capacity to prevent, control, mitigate and protect against marine pollution as well as in the conservation of marine resources in accordance with Agenda 21, SDS-SEA and related International Conventions. And to enhance efficiency in the protection of marine resources, environment and coastline areas from the dangers of oil spill coming from ships, offshore facilities, ports and oil transportation facilities, on 26th December 2010 in Hanoi, representatives of the two Governments adopted and signed "Memorandum of Agreement between the Government of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam and the Government of the Republic of the Philippines on cooperation in oil spill preparedness and response" (MOA).

The MOA consists of 7 Articles, of which: Article 1 - Objective of Cooperation; Article 2 - Fields of cooperation; Article 3 - Implementation of the Agreement; Article 4 - Supplement and Amendment; Article 5 - Nonprejudice; Article 6 - Interpretation and settlement of disputes; Article 7 - Entry into force and Termination.

In order to implement the signed MOA, the two sides have performed series of activities from development, amendment, improvement of related documents to organization of oil spill response trainings, workshops, and communication channel. In coming years, detail cooperation activities to be carried out effectively as already set in its 5 year implementation plan.

Aside from government budgets, supports of all kinds for this MOA 5 year implementation plan from international financial organizations, donors and private sectors are very much welcomed and appreciated.



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## **About Le Dai Thang:**

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He got his BSc at Faculty of Environmental Sciences, Hanoi National University in 1997 and his MSc on Environmental Management in 2000.

Since his early working days in 1998 until now, Mr. Le Dai THANG has experienced numbers of different titles and working areas, such as: state of environment and monitoring (1998 - 2002); Integrated coastal and river basin management (2002 - 2009); PEMSEA National Coordinator (2007 - 2009); COBSEA National Coordinator (2007 - 2009); National Contact Point for Reversing Environmental degradation trends in the South China Sea and Gulf of Thailand UNEP/GEF Project (2008 - 2009); Infrastructure for marine survey (2009 - 2014).

So far, Mr. THANG has presided and participated in numerous projects, themes and tasks, such as: Implementation of SDS-SEA (2005); Development of SDS-SEA implementation in Vietnam (2006); Development of communication programme on integrated coastal management (2007); Development of training programme on integrated coastal management (2007); Implementation of ICM communication programme (2008); Development and promulgation of policies and technical guidelines on ICM (2008) etc.

Mr Le Dai THANG also participated in development of several publications that have been issued since 2003, eg Integrated Coastal Management – Experiences in Vietnam (2003) etc.

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Just six months ago, in May 2015, he did his co-chairing the Expanded ASEAN Maritime Forum Workshop on Trans-boundary Maritime Pollution Incidents held in Brisbane, Australia from 20 – 22 May, 2015.