

TRAINING REPORT

**TRAINING PROGRAM
ON
LOCAL GOVERNMENT & COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION
IN RURAL INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT**

8th - 15th October, 2018
Vietnam and Malaysia

I. Background and Overview

The training program on “**Local Government & Community Participation in rural infrastructure development**” has been successfully held by AITVN from 8th – 15th October 2018 in Vietnam and Malaysia with 10 participants who are from local Government Division, Planning Commission of Dhaka. Some executives are from LGED head quarter and LGED at some districts in Bangladesh. The List of participants is provided in the Appendix 1.

This training program was targeted to provide the participants knowledge and experiences sharing from Vietnam and Malaysia on how the local governments influence, motivate and involve the community in developing rural infrastructure. The program was designed for the participants to come up with providing knowledge and best practices on overview of community participation in rural infrastructure development in Vietnam and Malaysia.

Ms. Nguyen Thi Bich Hoa – Head of oversea training programs is the program coordinator. Ms. Duong Thi Ngan (Program Officer) and Ms. Ta Phuong Linh (Program Officer) and Ms. Duong Anh Nga (Program assistant) of AITCV are in charge of coordinating and supporting the group throughout the trip in Vietnam.

During the training course, the following issues have been discussed:

- The standard quality of the rural road, provincial road in Vietnam and Malaysia
- How can Vietnam involve people in the rural area to construct rural road
- Guidelines for building rural road, provincial road
- Detail contribution of community in construction of rural road
- Maintenance planning for rural road (regular maintenance, and essential maintenance)
- How community involve in road maintenance activities
- Local government policies for rural road maintenance
- Bidding procedure for provincial road construction
- Overview of community Participation in rural infrastructure development in Vietnam
- Participants interested in New Rural Program in Vietnam, the involvement of local community in road development program is described clearly.

This report is to summarize the program contents, structure, organizers, and the evaluation from participants. The report will include recommendations from AIT-VN as lessons learnt and outcomes for next training improvement.

II. Participants and Attendance

Appendix I- List of participants.

III. Training content

The training program was conducted on platform of classroom lectures and field visits. There are 02 classroom training session on:

- Lecture on Government and Community Participation in Rural Infrastructure development (3 hours) – Institutions - Stakeholders and case studies in Vietnam
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And 02 field visits:

- Visit to Nam Dinh Province – observe and discuss on the successful implementation of the Rural infrastructure development project and meet local authority
- Outskirt area outside KUL to observe and discuss on the participation of government and community on maintenance and operation of the rural roads and meet local authority - Hulu Selangor District Council

The training contents mostly focus on:

- Overview of community participation in rural road infrastructure development in Vietnam and Malaysia
- Overview of maintenance planning in rural road of Vietnam and Malaysia
- Experience from local authority in involving community in rural road infrastructure development in both Vietnam and Malaysia

Some training activities are shown in **Appendix II with photos**.

V. Evaluation Results by Participants on training contents and its usefulness

The participants have evaluated the effectiveness of the training by means of filling in a questionnaire on the last day. This questionnaire was designed with questions for participants to evaluate various aspects of the program such as the content and usefulness of the study tour program, the field visits, the applicability of the knowledge obtained during the program. Besides, the participants were required to recommend some improvements for the betterment of the program and list some experience and lesson they had learned in terms of the program's main topics. To fill in this questionnaire, participants were also asked to express their opinions, comments, recommendation and suggestion for the sake of the enhancement of service quality offered by AITVN.

09 participants responded to the questionnaire. Their evaluation, comments and opinion were analyzed and presented in the following discussion:

Evaluation Questionnaire

Please score the items below according to the following rating:

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|---------------------|--------------------|
| 4- Very good | 2- Average |
| 3- Good | 1- Not good |

1. Contents, presentation and usefulness

How do you rate: (4 – Very good, 3 – Good, 2 – Average, 1 – Not good)

Table 1. Evaluation on training contents and its usefulness

Topics	Contents				Usefulness			
	4	3	2	1	4	3	2	1
Lecture on Government and Community Participation in Rural Infrastructure development in Vietnam	3.17				3.25			

Field visit to Nam Dinh Province – observe and discuss on the successful implementation of the Rural infrastructure development project and meet local authority	3.83	3.50
Lecture on Government and Community Participation in Rural Infrastructure development in Malaysia	3.67	3.00
Field visit to an outskirt area outside Kuala Lumpur to observe and discuss on the participation of government and community on maintenance and operation of the rural roads and meet local authority (Hulu Selangor District Council)	3.67	3.25

According to the evaluation results, most of the participants considered all the topics in lectures and field visits are useful for their works, especially the field visit conducted in Vietnam. The training contents was appreciated by the participants very much, especially the contents delivered in Malaysia and the field visit to Nam Dinh, Vietnam.

VI. Organization and Execution

Regarding to the organization of the training course, six criteria are raised for evaluation, with the highest grade of 4. Participants' evaluation results are summarized as following:

Table 2. Evaluation results on organization and execution

Aspects	Rating			
	4	3	2	1
1. Reception	3.44			
2. Overall program	3.00			
3. Materials	2.56			
4. Logistics	3.11			
5. Program Assistant	3.22			
6. Experts	3.00			

According to the evaluation results, most of the participants ranking with high mark (3 – 4) for all aspects. The participants were appreciated very much reception both in Vietnam and Malaysia.

Table 2a. Other training components in Vietnam

Component	Rating			
	4	3	2	1
• Lectures	3.50			
• Discussion and share experience with experts	3.50			
• Fieldtrips	3.40			
• Cultural program	3.40			

Table 2b. Training components in Malaysia

Component	Rating			
	4	3	2	1
• Lectures	3.78			
• Discussion and share experience with experts	3.67			
• Fieldtrips	3.67			
• Cultural program	3.67			

Table 3a. Training objective in Vietnam

Objectives	Rating			
	4	3	2	1
The program is designed to provide concepts and approaches, sharing experiences about local government and community participation in rural infrastructure development in Vietnam	3.83			

Table 3b. Training objective in Malaysia

Objectives	Rating			
	4	3	2	1
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VII. Other comments

- Vietnam is developing very fast, the road construction system with local government participation is a remarkable contribution

- The rural infrastructure in Vietnam is very good, maintenance approach is very effective
- If there is an interactive session and meeting in the office of the concerned ministry, it would be a good experience to share views and opinions

VIII. Conclusion

The training course has been successfully conducted for the participants. During the training, participants have raised a lot of questions. They have learnt, shared and drawn lessons for themselves through the field visits, and learning with experts from the field.

Recommendation

- To design a program with more visits to the Ministry of Transportation (Directorate for Roads of Vietnam) for further sharing experience on macro level regarding to road maintenance system in Vietnam.
- A separated session should have been arranged with the officials of relevant ministries in Malaysia

Appendix I. List of participants

No.	Name	Designation & Office	Passport No
01.	Mr. A K M Mizanur Rahman	Deputy Secretary, local Government Division	OC 0258957
02.	Ms. Azizun Nahar	Deputy Chief, Planning Commission, Dhaka	OC 9238925
03.	Mr. S M Akbar Hossain	Project Director, RIDPMSRD Project, LGED Headquarters, Dhaka	OC 6259394
04.	Mr. Md Abdur Rahim	Executive Engineer, LGED Headquarters , Dhaka	OC 6212179
05.	Mr. Md Babul Akhter	Executive Engineer, LGED Madaripur District	OC 7121485
06.	Mr. A K M Badsha Mia	Executive Engineer, LGED Shariatpur District	OC 6259578
07	Mr. Khan A Shameem	Executive Engineer, LGED Rajbari District	OC 4155575
08	Mr. Md Akteruzzaman	Senior Assistant Engineer, LGED Gopalganj District	OC 4259367
09	Mr. Quazi Mahmudullah	Upazilla Engineer, LGED, Rajoir, Madaripur	OC 5140358
10	Mr. Sayeed Muhammad Ibrahim	Staff Officer of Chief Engineer, LGED HQ, Dhaka	OC 6259383
11	Ms. Farida Hossain	Spouse of Mr. S M Akbar Hossain	BW 0875744
12	Ms. Rufaeda Sharmin Afrin	Daughter of Mr. S M Akbar Hossain	BW 0879716

Appendix II. Some training activities photo

Photo 1. Classroom activities



Photo 2. Field visit to Nam dinh province





Photo 3. Lecture in Malaysia



Professional Program – LECTURE on
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Venue: UniKL Gurney Campus Keramat



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Photo 4. Field visit to Hulu Selangor Township



Photo 5. Cultural activities



Appendix III – Sample of evaluation questionnaire



Evaluation Result Part 1: Vietnam

Training program

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III. Realization of Objectives

Please indicate whether you feel the training has achieved the following objectives:

Objectives	Rating			
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The program is designed to provide concepts and approaches, sharing experiences about local government and community participation in rural infrastructure development in Vietnam	3.83			

Any other comments?

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- Vietnam is a developing country, their rural infrastructure is very good, maintenance approach is very effective
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Evaluation Result - Part 2 in Malaysia

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IV. Lecture & Field visit:

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