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German Development Cooperation and Partners Jointly Host Information Days on Integrated Coastal Management in the Mekong Delta

CAN THO, 12-13 October 2010 – German Development Cooperation and the Provincial People's Committees (PPC) of Bac Lieu, Kien Giang and Soc Trang jointly host the **Information Days for Integrated Coastal Zone Management in the Mekong Delta**. The event is being held as a part of the German Year in Viet Nam 2010 celebrations, marking 35 years of diplomatic relations between Viet Nam and Germany. The celebrations comprise a series of events, exhibitions and conferences among others.

The Information Days aim to provide a platform for open exchange to further joint cooperation. They provide an insight into the work of different organisations in the Mekong Delta as well as the chance to present and establish potential topics for future collaboration between provinces and development projects.

"The Mekong Delta has always been changing. In times of climate change, these changes become more dramatic. The improvement of coastal protection including mangrove forest development is key for sustaining people's livelihoods in the region. Germany and Viet Nam have taken up this issue in their co-operation program. The fact that government officials from different provinces exchange their ideas and experiences is one major achievement of today's event.", Dr. Henning Plate, Development Counsellor at the German Embassy in Hanoi, summarized the first day.

The event has so far attracted different stakeholders in the Mekong Delta provinces as well as national and international organisations. The second day offers participants the opportunity to go on a field trip to visit Climate Change Adaptation Models in Can Tho City.

The Information Days have been organized by the German Technical Cooperation (GTZ) projects Sustainable Management of Coastal Forest Ecosystems in Bac Lieu Province implemented on behalf of the German Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety (BMU); Management of Natural Resources in the Coastal Zone of Soc Trang Province, implemented on behalf of the Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ); and Conservation and Development of Biosphere Reserve of Kien Giang

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