

## SIIR June 2010 Report

In the beginning of the month the SIIR project supported two roundtable talks on U.S dispute resolution and ADR systems by the Dean of School of Law, University of San Francisco. One roundtable was organized with MOLISA Legal Department and the other was at the University of Labor, Invalids and Social Affairs (ULSA)

In June 2010, two key personnel from DAI traveled out to Vietnam with different purposes. A DAI regional management information system development specialist stayed in Hanoi for one week to provide training on TAMIS, an internal reporting system for SIIR staff. The Technical Area Manager/Project Technical Lead from DAI/HO also arrived in Vietnam to meet the project staff and be briefed on the project approval process and progress. The project at the same time welcomed an extern from University of San Francisco to work for the project in 2 months and conduct research works on dispute resolution and other IR related issues.

Also in June, the project director and technical staff had an intensive meeting with Vietnam Confederation of Labor to revise any previously discussed activities and the two sides agreed how to update and revise planned activity areas - mainly on legal advisory services, ADR related work and institutional training and capacity building. Follow-up meetings with the working levels of VGCL were scheduled by SIIR to go over the details of how implement of planned activities.

The program development specialist had a follow-up meeting with VCCI to map out the activity areas and proposed cooperation extension between VCCI and other implementing partners. A number of ideas on collaboration with the MOLISA labor inspectorate on self-inspection and third party monitoring were put forward. Other activity areas include Labor Law Education for Employers and bilateral training on ADR and/or CBA between IPZ (upper level) unions and HCMC IPZ associations.

During the month, SIIR has been working with Legal Department to initiate and conduct the assessment survey on the capacity of labor laws implementation. A draft questionnaire was prepared by the SIIR and Legal Dept. staff and was tested.

In order to carry out the activity on evaluation of stakeholders' capacity on ADR in July, SIIR staff did a number of prep works including identifying national consultant, facilitating the approval process for international consultants, developing provisional schedule, etc. The first international consultant is slated to arrive on July 3<sup>rd</sup>. He is a US-based ADR specialist.

The SIIR project has been following up with the International Cooperation Department on the official approval of the project and has been in contact with various stakeholders in the process, including at MPI and OOG, on the status of approval. The consensus is that approval should happen soon after the beginning of July.