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**NATIONAL WORKSHOP ON
DEVELOPMENT OF ENABLING POLICIES FOR TRADE AND
INVESTMENT IN THE IT SECTOR OF THE GREATER MEKONG
SUBREGION**

18 and 19 September 2003, Melia Hotel, Hanoi, Viet Nam

PROGRAMME

Thursday, 18 September 2003

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| 0830 – 0900 | Registration |
| 0900 – 0930 | <p>Official opening of the Seminar
<i>Dr. Le Danh Vinh, Vice Minister of Trade, Government of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam</i></p> <p><i>Opening Statement Mr. Ravi Ratnayake, Director, Trade and Investment Division, UNESCAP</i></p> |
| 0930 – 10.30 | <p>Session 1: Importance of ICT for the Development of Viet Nam
<i>Presentation by Professor K. J. Joseph, Centre for Development Studies, Trivandrum, and UNESCAP consultant</i></p> <p><i>Dr. Tran Minh Tien, Director, Institute for Post and Telematics Strategy Ministry of Post and Telematics</i></p> <p><i>Open Discussion</i></p> |
| 1030 – 1045 | Coffee |
| 1045 – 1200 | <p>Session 2: Trade and Investment Policies and their Linkages with Use and Production of IT Goods and Services
<i>Prof. KJ Joseph</i></p> <p><i>MA. Nguyen Thanh Hung, Director, Board of IT and EC, Ministry of Trade</i></p> <p><i>Open Discussion</i></p> |

1200 – 1300	Lunch
1300 – 1430	<p>Session 3: ICT Use and Production in Viet Nam: Current State, Constraints, and Policy Options</p> <p><i>Dr. Mai Anh, Director, Center of IT Ministry of Science and Technology</i></p> <p><i>Prof. KJ Joseph</i></p> <p><i>Open Discussion</i></p>
1430 – 1445	Coffee
1445 – 1600	<p>Session 4: An Open Trade and Investment Regime: Challenges and Opportunities for Viet Nam</p> <p><i>Prof. KJ Joseph</i></p> <p><i>Prof. Dr. Nguyen Quang Thai, Advisor of Minister of Planning and Investment</i></p> <p><i>Open Discussion</i></p>
<u>Friday, 19 September 2003</u>	
0900 – 1015	<p>Session 5: Using IT for the Coordination of Investment among Different Governmental Agencies</p> <p><i>Prof. KJ Joseph</i></p> <p><i>Dr. Nguyen Chi Cong, Head of Board of Science and Technology Vietnam IT Association Processing (VIAP)</i></p> <p><i>Open Discussion</i></p>
1015 – 1030	Coffee
1030 – 1145	<p>Session 6: Future Prospects of ICT Use and Production in Viet Nam and Lessons from Experiences other Countries</p> <p><i>Prof. KJ Joseph</i></p> <p><i>Open Discussion</i></p>
1145 – 1200	<p>Closing session</p> <p><i>Dr. Le Danh Vinh, Vice Minister of Trade</i></p> <p><i>Mr. Matthias Bruckner, Associate Economic Affairs Officer, Trade Policy Section, Trade and Investment Division, UNESCAP</i></p>
1200 – 1300	Lunch
