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The official launch ceremony of the Regional Training Programme to Combat Human Trafficking in the Greater Mekong Sub-region was held at the Mekong Institute in the campus of Khon Kaen University on 28 August 2006. The Regional Training Programme is the first project under the COMMIT (Coordinated Mekong Ministerial Initiative Against Trafficking) Sub-regional Plan of Action organized by the UN-Inter Agency Project on Human Trafficking in the Greater Mekong Sub-region (UNIAP), who was appointed by the GMS governments as the Secretariat, and the Mekong Institute.

In her keynote speech, Ms. Joana Merlin-Scholtes, UN Resident Coordinator in Thailand, highlighted that the Regional Training Course "...reflects a recognition among all parties to the COMMIT process of the need to come together and learn, to review existing assumptions, to share best practices, and to fight this crime of human trafficking systematically." Speaking on behalf of the GMS embassies, the Ambassador of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam, His Excellency Mr. Nguyen Duy Hung expressed satisfaction on the progress currently made in the region to combat human trafficking but emphasized the need to do much more to make a difference. A key feature of the programme is the opportunity for participants to meet colleagues from neighboring countries, to share information and to build trust and relationships that will become important in fighting the crime of human trafficking in the region.

Ambassadors and senior officials from the Embassy of Cambodia, China, Lao PDR, Myanmar and Vietnam, senior officials of the Royal Thai Government, UN representatives, development partners from the Embassy of Sweden and the CIDA-funded SEARCH project were present on the occasion to commemorate the official launch of the highly regarded Regional Training Programme.

Altogether 29 middle to senior level government officials and International Non-government Organizations (INGOs) personnel from all six GMS countries will be attending this fourth training from 28 August to 06 September 2006.

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湄公河次区域反对拐卖人口培训规划发动会于2006年8月28日在泰国孔敬大学湄公河研究所举行。区域培训规划是湄公河次区域合作反对拐卖人口进程（简称：COMMIT 进程）中区域行动计划中的第一项任务。

联合国常驻泰国协调员 Joana Merlin-Scholtes 女士到会并讲话：区域培训是六国共同的要求，给各国提供了相互学习，交流经验，共同磋商，反对拐卖人口的平台。

驻泰越南大使 Nguyen Duy Hung 代表其他各国使馆发言，赞赏了目前取得的成绩，并提出需要进一步努力面对更多的挑战，特别是邻国间应互通信息，建立起相互信任和相关联系以共同反对人口拐卖。

来自柬埔寨、中国、缅甸、越南驻泰使馆和泰国政府的高级官员，联合国代表，瑞典驻泰使馆加拿大国际发展基金 SEARCH 项目参加了区域培训发动会。

29 名中、高级政府官员和国际非政府组织人员参加了第四次区域培训班。

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