

PRESS RELEASE: "Green Highways 2009" enters Vietnam

The journey of cooperation and friendship spanning a thousand miles continues into Vietnam on the 16 September 2009. The Green Highways Project 2009 started in Indonesia, driving through Singapore, Malaysia and Thailand, and the torch will officially be handed over to Vietnam today.

Before the handover ceremony, we started the day with a press conference in Ho Chi Minh City that attracted over 100 stakeholders including many dignitaries and members of the local media. We also took the opportunity to showcase the first 2 CNG vehicles in Vietnam, converted by Singapore-based C. Melchers GMBH and a CNG bus.

PetroVietnam was the main sponsor for this leg of the Green Highways Project 2009.



First CNG Vehicle in Vietnam converted by C. Melchers GMBH



Opening remarks by Mr. Duc Nguyen, Vietnam Ventures Limited

Team Leader, Mr. Duc Nguyen from Vietnam Ventures Limited and Ms. Nguyen Thi Huyen, representing PetroVietnam Sports and Cultural Joint Stock Company led the press conference at the Mövenpick Hotel. The event began with opening remarks from Mr. Duc Nguyen followed by Mr. Rizal Rahman, representing Mr. Lee Giok Seng, Executive Director, ANGVA and Team Singapore who delivered the message emphasizing that the ANGVA Green Highways 2009 Project is not about driving from Point A to Point B. It is about creating awareness and promoting NGV, ANGVA, and NGV infrastructure and harmonization of NGV Standards and Code of Practices, especially safety standards.

We welcome Vietnam on its embarkation journey of using NGV in its transportation sector and the Green Highways project is the one platform promoting its active implementation and adoption.



Mr. Bui Minh Tien addressing the delegates



Members of Petrovietnam Gas and various ministries

Mr. Bui Minh Tien, Vice President of PetroVietnam Gas Company encouraged the use of natural gas vehicles to ensure a greener and cleaner Vietnam, coupled with savings on transportation costs and promoting sustainable development. Mr. Bui Van Quyen, Head of the Southern Office for the Ministry of Science and Technology echoed Mr. Tien's message. The event was also graced by Mr. Duong Hong Thanh, Vice Director from the Public Works and Transportation Department HCMC.



Welcoming Team Thailand at the Cau Treo border



Journey of a thousand miles continues together across borders

After the press conference ended, the two converted cars made their way to the Cau Treo border. On 18th September 2009, a formal handover ceremony was held at the Laos-Vietnam border, welcoming Team Thailand. Many reporters accompanied Team Thailand into Vietnam to attend the formal handover ceremony. Led by the local police, both Team Thailand and Team Vietnam drove side by side in harmony – strengthening the journey of friendships between both countries.



Team Vietnam receiving the flag and torch from Team Thailand

A press conference and the flag and torch ceremony was held on the following day in Hanoi. Prior to the event, Team Vietnam and the media paraded along the main roads in Hanoi, creating further awareness of NGV. Senior officials from PetroVietnam, Hanoi Transport Department and other ministries attended this well-planned event, together with Mr. Lee Giok Seng, Executive Director, ANGVA.



Press conference in Hanoi



Mr. Bui Minh Tien handing the torch to Team China

The torch and flag was finally handed to Team China, represented by Shanghai Diesel Engine Company. The torch and flag will make their way to Shenzhen, China.

The longest journey to Donghae continues with Vietnam taking the initial steps in building its CNG infrastructure and NGV industry for the public transportation sector. Team Vietnam is looking forward to the 3rd Biennial International Conference and Exhibition, ANGVA 2009 from 27th to 29th October 2009 in Donghae, Korea.

Once again, Congratulations to Team Vietnam for successfully continuing the journey of the ANGVA Green Highways 2009 Project. Next stop – CHINA