Development of Environmental Sustainable Cities in Vietnam

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National program

- Development of criteria for ESC for Vietnam
- 2. Enhancement of awareness on ESC
- 3. Development of legal framework on ESC

Recent Development: national level

Development of ESC Criteria

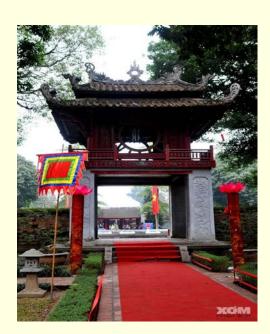
- Review theoretical framework for ESC criteria
- Study environment, socio-economic, urban planning of cities
- A draft criteria set: 24 criteria
- 1st National Consultative workshop



Recent Development: national level

Review legal documents related to ESC

- Socioeconomic planning
- Urban infrastructure planning
- Urban transportation
- Urban environmental management



Recent Development: local activities

Da Nang:

Developing model of Environmentally friendly residential areas



Dong Thap:

Enhancing the awareness on ESC



Challenges

- Requirements for commitments of multiple sectors
- Lack of focus and details on ESC in current legal documents
- Limited awareness on environmental issues and ESC



Plans for 2013-2014

- Finalize and issue ECS criteria
- Provide guidelines for ESC awards
- Revise related legal documents
- Continue with ASEAN-Japan ESC
- Develop international collaboration to promote ESC

Potential collaboration areas

- Develop ESC criteria and legal framework
- Public awareness raising on ESC
- ESC Incentives: ESC awards, ecotown images
- Pilot ESC cities: start with small and medium towns first



Thank you!