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Completed SAPI Sub-Consultant Services Facilitate ROSY Application

Carl Bro Vietnam recently enjoyed the successful completion of the Special Assistance for Project Implementation (SAPI) for Transport Sector Loan for National Road Network Improvement. This short-term consulting service is financed by Japan Bank for International Cooperation (JBIC) to assist Vietnam Road Administration (VRA) in review of the up-to-date status of road management software operation at the road maintenance and management organizations.

Under this special assistance, Carl Bro Vietnam, as part of a consulting association including also Katahira Engineering International (KEI), conducted survey on the operation of ROSY at 4 Regional Road Management Units (RRMUs) of VRA and 20 selected Provincial Departments of Transport (PDOTs). ROSY is a road management software, which had been provided by Carl Bro to VRA and its subordinate units as well as PDOTs in 2005 under the Implementation of Sector Development Policy (ISDP).

The Consultant Team visits won praise from road management organizations, particularly from PDOTs. During the site visits, useful technical advice from the Consultant Team had been given to ROSY operators to overcome their difficulties.

Only few units have been successfully applying ROSY for management their roads in one year after the technology transfer made by Carl Bro in 2005, found by the survey. However, it is convincing that the situation shall be improved by introducing detailed technical guidelines and user manuals for data collection as well as software operation prepared by the Team during SAPI.

It is essential for VRA to make an official request to all road management units of applying ROSY for their road maintenance planning, particularly for their estimation of annual maintenance budget. "During our site visits, we demonstrated to them that ROSY is right here to help them to do this cost-effectively, efficiently and in a timely manner", one Consultant said.