Peacekeeping helps build the capacity of Vietnam's peacekeepers

As part of the work of the Departments of Peacekeeping Operations and Field Support (DPKO and DFS) to support new and emerging Troop Contributing Countries and strengthen their capacity to deploy well-trained and properly equipped peacekeepers, the Integrated Training Service (ITS) deployed a Mobile Training Team of three military training officers to Hanoi, Vietnam in October.

The objective of the course was to build the capacity of trainers of the Vietnam Armed Forces by familiarizing them with the United Nations core pre-deployment training materials and the specialized ones. Trainers also updated participants on the latest developments in United Nations Peacekeeping.

This capacity-building activity is an ITS initiative to better prepare peacekeepers to meet the challenges of peacekeeping and to ensure that all personnel understand the requirement to uphold the highest standards of professionalism and personal conduct. The training covered training concepts, methodologies and specialized subjects, including protection of civilians, conflict-related sexual violence, child protection, conduct and discipline,
sexual exploitation and abuse, and promotion of human rights. The course also covered Civil-Military Coordination and the duties of Staff Officers and Military Experts on Mission. The programme ended with scenario-based exercises where participants had the chance to address real-life situations and receive feedback on their performance.

In the General Assembly Resolution 49/37 (1995), Members States recognized their responsibility for the pre-deployment training of their uniformed personnel. The United Nations is also responsible for assisting Member States with the development, design and delivery of United Nations training standards. The training support for Vietnam is an example of the implementation of this resolution.