



[Photo: Group discussion, in the 7th High Level Meeting in 2009]

Thus far, approximately 240 officials from the ASEAN countries participated and thorough discussions took place in the meetings. The meeting has provided the ASEAN countries with ice-breaking opportunities for further and dynamic cooperation between different sectors such as health and social welfare. Considering the positive results brought about by the meetings, MHLW is willing to regularly organize the ASEAN-JAPAN High Level Officials Meeting to strengthen the relationship between ASEAN and Japan in the field of social security.

Health Policy and Medical Services/Occupational Safety and Health

★ILO / WHO Collaborative Project for Promoting Occupational Health in ASEAN (FY2008~FY2010) ★

Taking advantage of MHLW's wide range of responsibilities, which includes both health policy and occupational health, MHLW provides support to build the system to promote occupational health in Vietnam, in which occupational health has become an important issue recently by effective collaboration among the government of Vietnam, ILO, and WHO. The project includes activities for reduction of prevalence of diseases, improvement of occupational safety and health, and human resource development in the health sector, and ultimately promote occupational health in the entire ASEAN region.

