



Ambassador's Conference on Higher Education in Vietnam

When: Thu, Jan 15th 8:00 am to 4:00 pm

Where: Sheraton Saigon Hotel & Towers, 88 Dong Khoi Street, District 1, Ho Chi Minh City

American – Vietnamese Partnerships

Conference Registration – Deadline is December 15

On-line registration is required. Click here to [REGISTER ONLINE](#).

Registration deadline is [December 15, 2008](#). Although we will try to accommodate all those who register, we have space for only 350 participants.

Conference Organizers

The U.S. Mission in Vietnam; Vietnam National University, Ho Chi Minh City; and the Vietnamese Ministry of Education and Training.

Conference Booklet

The Conference program booklet will contain information about participating institutions and their programs in Vietnam. To have information about your institution included in the publication, please submit your entry—two pages maximum **by December 15**. We cannot guarantee that information submitted after that date will be included.

Conference Venue

Sheraton Saigon Hotel & Towers, 88 Dong Khoi Street, District 1, Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam
Tel 84 8 3827 2828; Fax 84 8 3824 7644
www.Sheraton.com/Saigon

Hotels

The Sheraton Saigon Hotel is offering 65 rooms to Conference participants at a very special rate of 5 net. To qualify for this rate, Conference participants must submit the attached reservation form directly to the Sheraton.

Visas

We encourage you to apply for Vietnamese visas as early as possible, as the process is sometimes quite lengthy. The Public Affairs Office at the U.S. Embassy can assist you by applying for a visa number from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. To do this, we need the information on the main page of your passport, including

- full name as in passport,
- passport number,

Tel : (+84 8) 925 4240 - Email : contact@ctsvietnam.com
Website: www.ctsvietnam.com

Upcoming Events & Meetings

Wed, Dec 31: [Celebrate New Year's Eve at the Caravelle Hotel](#)

Thu, Jan 1: New Year's Day 2009 (U.S. and VN Holiday)

Wed, Jan 7: AmCham HR Committee

Tue, Jan 13: International Business Lunch: The Year Ahead - Executive Summary and Outlook 2009

Wed, Jan 14: Vietnam 2020: Solutions for Large-Scale Infrastructure and Real Estate Documentation

Thu, Jan 15: [Ambassador's Conference on Higher Education in Vietnam](#)

Thu, Jan 15: Intel Vietnam Study Abroad Program - Application Deadline Jan 15, 2009

Mon, Jan 19: Martin Luther King, Jr. Day (U.S. Holiday) 2009

Mon, Jan 19: [2nd Annual Anti-Corruption Asia Conference](#)

Sun, Jan 25: TET Lunar New Year 2009 (VN Holiday) - Year of the Water Buffalo - Jan 25-29



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- date of birth,
- date of issuance of passport, and
- expiration date of passport, which can be sent to [T.X. Nguyen](#). Once we have sent the visa number to you, it should be submitted to the Vietnamese Embassy in Washington, D.C. along with your passport, visa application, photo and payment. Visa forms and additional information are available at the Vietnam Embassy website, at www.vietnamembassy-usa.org

Conference Purpose and Schedule

This Conference is designed to bring together representatives from American universities, colleges, companies, and NGOs active in higher education in Vietnam and representatives from Vietnamese universities and colleges in order to explore partnership successes and to map out future partnership strategies, particularly in these three key areas:

- encouraging more and deeper linkages and joint programs between American and Vietnamese universities;
- increasing the number of Vietnamese studying at American universities and colleges; and,
- promoting educational programs designed to help Vietnamese students acquire the skills needed in Vietnam's modernizing economy.

In addition to the main Conference sessions, participants are invited to continue informal discussions at a reception to be held the evening of January 15. The afternoon of January 16 has been left free to allow for continued discussion between participants.

The Conference will also include a presentation by the U.S.-Vietnam Education Task Force, established during Prime Minister Nguyen Tan Dung's visit to the U.S. in June, 2008. The Task Force will present its preliminary recommendations and invite Conference participants to comment on them, before presenting its final recommendations to senior U.S. and Vietnamese leaders.

Higher Education in Vietnam: American-Vietnamese Partnerships will take place one year after the 2008 education conference, American Support for Education in Vietnam: A Brainstorming Conference for American Stakeholders, hosted by Ambassador Michael W. Michalak in Hanoi. With the participation of nearly 200 American stakeholders in education in Vietnam, that initial conference focused on ways that American private sector-public sector cooperation could help Vietnam achieve a broad range of educational goals.

For More Information and to provide your input on Conference arrangements, please click this link to send an email to [Conference Liaison – Bernice Clark](#).

Please click this link to see the [Invitation to Ambassador's Education Conference, Jan 15-16, 2009](#).

