



His Excellency

Ambassador

Nguyen Ba Hung

Counsel General of Vietnam

In San Francisco

Consul General Nguyen Ba Hung was born 1961 in Ha Tinh Province of Vietnam. In July 2011, he was appointed by the President Truong Tan Sang to the rank of Ambassador, and then was appointed as Consul General of Viet Nam in San Francisco.

Prior to his appointment to San Francisco, Mr. Nguyen served as Director General of the Americas Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Vietnam, and Counselor for Political and Economic Affairs at the Vietnamese Embassy in Washington, D.C.

Mr. Nguyen joined the Foreign Service in 1987, ever since he has been assigned to the Americas De-

partment. While leading the Department, he also was appointed to

head the Vietnam's Office for Seeking Missing Persons which is responsible for searching the American Missing Servicemen in the Vietnam War.

Mr. Nguyen earned his Master of International Public Policy degree at the John Hopkins University in 1996. He was a fellow at Georgetown University in 1995. He studied International Public Law at the Institute of Social

Studies, the Netherlands, in 1990-1991.

Mr. Nguyen speaks Vietnamese, English and French. He is married with one son and one daughter.

"Vietnam has experienced an ever increasing level of prosperity since the devastation of the Vietnam War. The country's emergence into a regional power in economics and leadership is very compelling and will be of great interest to our student. We look forward to learning more about Vietnam from the Consul General, Ambassador Nguyen, and progress in of the country leaving behind its war-torn past."

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INTERESTING FACTS ABOUT

Vietnam

THE FLAG OF Vietnam



HISTORY

The flag was used by the Viet Minh, a communist-led organization created in 1941 to oppose Japanese occupation. At the end of World War II, Viet Minh leader Ho Chi Minh proclaimed Vietnam independent and signed a decree on September 5, 1945 adopting the flag as the flag of the Democratic Republic of Vietnam.

MEANING

The red on the Flag symbolizes revolution and blood; the five-pointed star represents the five elements of the populace - peasants, workers, intellectuals, traders, and soldiers - that unite to build socialism

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- The name Vietnam translates as "Southern Viet", synonymous with the much older term Nam Vie.
- Vietnam is a densely-populated developing country that has been transitioning from the rigidities of a centrally-planned economy since 1986.
- US economic and military aid to South Vietnam grew through the 1960s in an attempt to bolster the government, but US armed forces were withdrawn following a cease-fire agreement in 1973.



- **Suoi Tien**, or "the fairy stream," is the world's first water park devoted to Buddhism, specifically the Southeast Asian animistic form of Buddhism.
- **Soccer** is the most popular sport in Vietnam
- **Pho** is the most famous food in Vietnam. It is commonly eaten for breakfast, although many people will have it for their lunch or dinner.



- **Vietnam** is known as the world's largest cashew nut exporter.
- **Thua** meaning please is added in front of the first name to show respect.
- **Speaking** in a loud tone with excessive gestures is considered rude, especially when done by women.
- **Hoan Kiem Lake** "lake of the Returned Sword": According to the legend, emperor Lê Lợi was boating on the lake when a Golden Turtle God (Kim Qui) surfaced and asked for his magic sword, Heaven's Will.
- **Tet Nguyen Dan** in February is Vietnam's biggest holiday, the Lunar New Year celebration that brings family and friends together in a week-long embrace.

