INFORMATION ON SCIENTIFIC ACTIVITIES

JAPAN-VIETNAM SCIENCE WORKSHOP

In the wake of the 30th Anniversary of Vietnamese and Japanese relationship (September 21, 1993 - September 21, 2003), on September 16th 2003, College of Social Science and Humanities - Vietnam National University, Hanoi carried out a workshop entitled “Vietnamese-Japanese Relationship-Historical and Current Issues”. Japanese professors, namely Professor Furuta Mooto, Yimio Sakurai... and a host of Vietnamese Professors and scientists from universities, research institutes in Hanoi and Ho Chi Minh City participated in the workshop. With more than 30 subject matter reports presented, the workshop was diverse and covered a wide range of topics concerning Japanese history, economy, culture etc. and issues evolving around the Vietnamese-Japanese relationship from time immemorial until the present. Many issues were extensively and heatedly discussed in Group on History and Group on Culture - Language - Economy.

After a day of dispatch, the workshop ended in great success opening prospects on teaching, training and research on Japan, thus contributing to an enhanced understanding and friendship, cooperation between Vietnam and Japan.

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APPROACHES TO AMERICAN STUDIES AND EXPERIENCES FOR VIETNAM

On November, 25th, 2003, the College of Social Sciences and Humanities, Vietnam National University, Hanoi in collaboration with the US Information Office organized a Workshop entitled Approaches to American Studies and Experience for Vietnam.

Scientists and diplomats working in universities, research institutes, foreign affair establishments etc, participated and made their speeches. Some American scholars who are teaching American studies in China, Thailand, New Zealand also attended the workshop and exchanged their experiences. 27 speeches were presented at the workshop. They were concerned with the following issues:

It is necessary that American Studies be introduced into and established in Vietnam, as part of a move to meet the demands of developing international and regional studies, and at the same time to serve to promote the growing US-Vietnam relationship.

American history has been taught in Vietnam and the first teacher of the subject was Nguyen Ai Quoc (Ho Chi Minh). He taught it in training courses for revolutionary youths during the period of 1925-1927. His teachings were incorporated into the Revolutionary Path. Since 1956, American history was officially integrated into university and then into school curricula. However, a full understanding of America and of the Americans is still a matter of concern.

The study of American history, culture, politics, economy, society and legislation has achieved certain results, however a more specific and stronger plan with concerted collaboration of scholars from both sides is needed. Mutual misunderstandings and ignorance that have resulted in, and will lead to disturbances in mutual trade relations, investment and other areas of common concern should be settled.

In this light, the Department of International Studies of the College of Social Sciences and Humanities has drafted American Studies and promoted the American Studies training at both undergraduate and post-graduate level.

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A BRIEF INTRODUCTION TO THE CENTER FOR GENDER RESEARCH
AND DEVELOPMENT (CGRD)

CGRD, under the College of Social Sciences and Humanities, Vietnam National University,
Hanoi was established under the Decision No: 235 QD/XHNV of Vietnam National
University, operational permit registration No: 110 DK/KHCNMT issued by Hanoi
Department of Technology and Environment.

As a research establishment specialized in gender located in the College of Social
Sciences and Humanities, the Center has the following functions and responsibilities:

1. Assemble a contingent of scientists, collaborators; cooperate with individuals, research establishments and institutions in and out of the country to carry out research and training gender. In addition, the Center intends to advise the Party and State on gender equality policies in the cause of industrialization and modernization as part of contributions to the international women’s movement.

2. Set up and manage scientific information and data on gender; provide information on scientific research achievements in and out of the country for relevant authorities, scientists, teaching and managing staff, social activists.

3. Contribute to training a contingent of researchers capable of gender research.

The Center focuses on research and specific training areas as follows:

- History of the development of national and international women’s movements
- Gender theories
- Gender in development strategies
- Gender and family, gender and sexology
- Gender and social issues such as prostitution, violence against women and children, woman and child trafficking.
- Children and development

The Center has been active in Gender and Development over the past few years:

- Organize with success the International Science Workshop on March 2002.
- Send participants to international workshop, training courses in South Korea and Thailand.
- Promote collaborative research with national and international organizations such as Youth Research Institute, National Committee on Population, Family, and children, Vietnamese Union of Women, Ministry of Health, Ministry of Labor, War Invalids and Social Affairs, Institute of Sociology, World Bank, Oxfam GB, Oxfam Quebec, Save Children U.K, Save Children Sweden, American Quaker, Plan International,
Comprehensive University of Netherlands, Asia Forum, ARENA etc.

-Organize drill schemes and professional speech programs on Gender in the provinces of Tra Vinh, Ha Nam, Ha Dong, Thai Binh, Thai Nguyen, Vinh Phuc.

Furthermore, the Center has been active in Gender presentations for voluntary social activists, students from American, Canadian and Australian universities, who have been and now are working in Vietnam.

The Center operates on self-financing basis with its own seal and bank account.

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A BRIEF INTRODUCTION TO THE CENTER FOR CHINESE STUDIES
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Recognizing the enduring importance of Chinese Studies in serving teaching and research, on 20th February 2002, the Center for Chinese Studies was established under the decision No 239 QD/XHNV issued by the rector of College of Social Sciences and Humanities-Vietnam National University, Hanoi.

The Center for Chinese Studies (C.C.S) is located in 336 Nguyen Trai Street, Thanh Xuan District, Hanoi. It is by nature an academic and training center that operates on self-financing basis, and has a legal entity with its own seal and bank account.

As a leading body focusing on Chinese Studies, its main responsibility and purpose involve studying Chinese history, economy, society, politics, philosophy, culture, and diplomacy etc, carry out fundamental research projects, propose and implement projects relating to Sino-Vietnamese relationship and studying Chinese issues. The Center, among other things, participates in higher education training and promotes with other centers collaborative research on Chinese issues under five concrete schemes:

1. Build up projects, research schemes: the Center sets up research schemes and projects at all levels ranging from College, VNU and State; organizes national international workshops on issues concerning the two countries.

2. Training and Collaborative Training: organize upgrading courses relating to China for Vietnamese and Chinese
trainees in College of Social Sciences and Humanities; collaborate with establishments in and out of the College on various types from BA up to PhD.

3. **Science exchange**: invite foreign visiting professors (mainly from China) to Vietnam, e.g. professors from Beijing University, Zhong Shan University, Nan Kai University, Zhen Zhou University, Yun Nan University, Qui Lin Pedagogy University etc; advise the College and its faculties on organizing collaborative research and training schemes, international workshop.

4. **Translation and document exchanges**: the Center searches for documents from China and other countries, majors; introduces projects of social sciences and humanities of Vietnam to foreign countries.

5. **Overseas study counseling**: the Center cooperates with Chinese universities to send Vietnamese overseas to study from BA to PhD; advise the College on admitting students into its faculties. To discharge its responsibility requires a contingent of academically qualified researchers. Right from its early days, there was a convergence of scientists, affiliates. Apart from its Director-Associate Professor - Eminent People's Teacher Nguyen Van Hong, and its vice Director-Doctor Nguyen Kim Son, the Center has a council of privileged scientists. A large number of collaborators with a sense of scientific enthusiasm, responsibility, and dynamism join in its activities. As a result, though short it is since established, the Center has collaboratively implemented remarkable schemes such as:

- Successfully organized the scientific workshop "Chinese open-door reform and experience lessons" on October 2002.

- Received and worked with Vietnam-based Chinese Embassy, the Taiwanese Representative Office on Culture-Economy-Diplomacy in Vietnam.

- Invited visiting professors from China to its faculties. They are Professor Zhang Wen Li - Director of Chinese Institute of Confucius Studies, Director of Institute of Philosophy - Beijing People's University, Chinese People’s University; Professor Chen Kai Zhi - Director of Institute of Confucianism under Shan Dong Social Science Center - Chinese Shan Dong Study; Professor Tao Shang Ban - member of Taiwanese Calligraphy Society...).

- Discharge the responsibility delegated by the College for receiving and working with Chinese delegations who are visiting and working at the College; take on correspondence in establishing diplomatic ties between the College of Social Sciences and Humanities and other Chinese universities, research establishments.

- Translating monographs for its faculties and VNU.
Preside over some research projects of VNU level.

- Establish collaborative Chinese research ties with universities and establishments in and out of the country.

- Set up some projects and Chinese research and training projects with faculties, centers, research establishments in and out the College in the coming time.

It is believed that with strong leadership of the College and members' and collaborators' sense of scientific enthusiasm and dedications, the Center for Chinese Studies will bring into full play dynamism, creativity as part of a move to succeed in concrete schemes and expand further international relations.

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