



**STUDY MISSION, 31 MAY 2009 - 10 JUNE 2009, U.S.A.
VIETNAMESE MEMBERS OF THE DIOXIN DIALOUGE GROUP (DG), GUESTS AND STAFFERS
ORGANISED BY VVAF, FUNDED BY FORD FOUNDATION**

DG members

1. **Ambassador Ngo Quang Xuan**, Vietnamese Co-Chair, and Vice Chair, Foreign Relations Committee, National Assembly of Vietnam
2. **Prof. Vo Quy**, Center for Natural Resources & Environmental Studies, Vietnam National University
3. **Dr. Do Hoang Long**, Deputy Director, People to People Relations Department, Party External Relations Commission
4. **Lt. General Phung Khac Dang**, Vice President, Vietnam Veterans Association

Guests

- 5) **Sr Col. Pham Ngoc Canh**, Ministry of Defense
- 6) **Sr Col. Tran Ngoc Tam**, Ministry of Defense
- 7) **Dr. Vu Chien Thang**, Committee 33
- 8) **Ms. Tran Kim Chi**, Foreign Relations Committee, National Assembly of Vietnam
- 9) **Ms. Le Thi Yen**, Foreign Relations Committee, National Assembly of Vietnam

VVAF support team

- 10) **Ms Le Thi Thu Huong**, Logistics and Interpreter
- 11) **Ms Thao Griffiths**, Point of contact for all program-related matters
- 12) **Ms Catalina Serna-Valencia**, Chief Program Office of the International Center, joins parts of the DC program, and accompanies the delegation to New Jersey

MISSION OBJECTIVES

1. Highlight the AOD issue in the Washington political and policy community through the keynote address and follow-up joint visits to senior officials
2. Further broaden the range of professional connections between the Vietnamese delegation and US counterparts through the conference break-out sessions and subsequent site visits.
3. Create the structure, functions and goals for the next stage of bi-national collaboration for Agent Orange solutions through the opening and closing sessions.

SUNDAY, 31 MAY 2009

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| 9:00 PM | Leave for Noi-Bai Airport |
| 11:35 PM | Leave the Noi-Bai Airport for Washington DC: Korean Air, KE 680Q |

MONDAY, 1 JUNE 2009

- 11:25 AM Arrive in the Washington Dulles Airport – Thao picks up with van
- PM Visit the Vietnamese Embassy in Washington DC (optional)
- Rest, open, and sight seeing (Museum of American History, Museum of Natural Science, Museum of Aerospace, Botanical Garden...)
- Study of reading materials
- 5:00 – 6:00PM Amb Xuan, Dr Long, and Prof Vo Quy meet with Peter Goldmark of EDF and Ginny Foote of the US-Vietnam Trade Council, to be accompanied by Kim-Chi, Yen (optional), and Thao Griffiths
Venue: the office of Environmental Defense Fund (EDF)
1875 Connecticut Avenue NW, 6th floor
- 7:00 – 9:30PM DG Meeting and Opening dinner **for DG members only**– review of accomplishments and looking forward
Venue: Cosmos Club, <https://www.cosmosclub.org/default.aspx>,
2121 Massachusetts Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20008, Phone: +1-202-387-7783
- For non-DG members** (Canh, Tam, Thang, Chi, Yen, Huong only. Note: Thao has dinner with Bobby Muller and Bob Muholland separately): dinner is hosted by Sr Col Bien (cell: +1202-257-7668) and officials of the VN Defense Attache Office (DAO).
Venue and time: TBC
- RON The Carlyle Hotel, www.carlylesuites.com/, 1731 New Hampshire Ave. NW
Washington, DC 20009, United States, tell: +1 202-234-3200

TUESDAY, 2 JUNE 2009 – DG MEETING AT THE COSMOS CLUB CONFERENCE

- 8:00 – 8:30AM Leave for Cosmos Club (POC Thao – van to pick up)
- 8:30 – 5:00PM **DG MEETING AT THE COSMOS CLUB CONFERENCE (70-90 PARTICIPANTS)**
Venue: Cosmos Club, <https://www.cosmosclub.org/default.aspx>,
2121 Massachusetts Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20008, Phone: +1-202-387-7783
- 8:30 – 9:00 am Registration, coffee & pastries
- 9:00 – 9:15 am Susan V. Berresford- Welcome and introductions
- 9:15 – 10:15 am Ambassador Ngo Quang Xuan & Mary Dolan-Hogrefe-DG Panel, report from Vietnam on DG activities and results
- 10:15 – 10:30 am Coffee break

- 10:30 – 12:00 Break-out Sessions— Session chairs concisely describe what remains to be done; session participants discuss how best to get that done.
- (1) Environment and clean up: Session Chairs **Prof. Vo Quy & Vaughan Turekian**
- Other Members: Christy Todd Whitman
- Others: Col. Canh & Col. Tam (Ministry of Defense), Dr. Kevin Teichman (JAC Co-chair & EPA); Dr. Alfred Franzblau (University of Michigan School of Public Health & Co-principal Investigator, Michigan Dioxin Study) & Hoa Trinh (PhD candidate, University of Michigan Department of Environmental Engineering)
- (2) Disabilities and human health issues: **Session Chairs Mary Dolan & Lt Gr Phung Khac Dang** (Thao/Huong provides interpretation)
- Others: Dr. Vu Chien Thang (Committee 33); Ca Van Tran (Vietnam Assistance for the Handicapped); Bobby Muller (Veterans of America); Max Clelland (former US Senator)
- (3) Public-private partnerships and policy: **Session Chairs Amb. Ngo Quang Xuan & Walter Isaacson**
- Other Members: Dr Do Hoang Long, William Mayer
- Others: Ambassador Phung & Dang Dung (Vietnam Embassy); Le Ke Son (JAC Co-chair, MONRE); Virginia Foote & Robert Schiffer (US Vietnam Trade Council); Michelle DePass (EPA), Craig Williams (Vietnam vet & environmental activist); Senators Patrick Leahy & Mitch McConnell; Tim Rieser & Keith Luce (US Senate); Bob Mulholland (Senior Strategic Advisor, Democratic Party);
- 12:00 – 2:00pm Luncheon with speaker (Susan Rice, Hillary Clinton, Marilyn Young, Marvin Kalb, other?)
- 2:00 – 3:30pm Panel of reports from small group sessions (@ 30 minutes)
- 3:30- 4:00pm Conclusion: The Road Ahead – Walter Isaacson & Ambassador Ngo Quang Xuan
- Evening: Dinner, hosted by Amb Le Cong Phung at the VN Embassy's Residence on the R st.
Specific time: TBC

WEDNESDAY, 3 JUNE 2009

- 9:30 a.m. – noon Discussion and Preparation for the Congressional hearing
Venue: The Aspen Institute
- 11:00 a.m. Working lunch provided
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- 12:30 p.m. – 1:30 Meeting between Dialogue Group and EPA (Kevin Teichman and Mark Kasman, with the possibility of others)

Venue: EPA-ORD conference room, 41213 Ronald Reagan Building (AA's Conference Room)

2:30 p.m. – 3:30 Meeting with Mike Martin, Analyst in Asian Trade & Finance, Foreign Affairs, Defense & Trade Division, Congressional Research Service, Library of Congress
Venue: The Aspen Institute

Evenings: Dinners hosted by Bobby Muller to discuss strategic matters related to the hearing.
Venue: Meiwah Restaurant, 1200 New Hampshire Ave, NW, DC, 20036.
Tel 202-833-2888

THURSDAY 4 JUNE 2009

10:00 – TBD Meet with the Senate Foreign Relations Committee Staff
Venue TBD, POC: Keith Luse

12:00pm – 1:15pm Lunch at The Monocle Restaurant (On Capitol Hill, Senate side, 107 D Street NE, Washington, DC 20002, (202) 546-4488)

2:00pm The US House of Representatives, Foreign Relations Committee, Subcommittee on Asia, the Pacific and the Global Environment, hold a hearing: a “*Agent Orange: What Efforts Are Being Made To Address The Continuing Impact Of Dioxin in Vietnam?*”. Confirmed members to give testimony: Prof Vo Quy, Mary Dolan, and Dr Charles Bailey. Other members of the Vns delegation are welcome to attend the hearing as observers, unless indicated otherwise.
Venue: Room 2172 of the Rayburn House Office Bldg.

Dinner: To be confirmed
-Dr Long leads the rest of the team (Prof Vo Quy, General Dang, Dr Thang, Dr Tam, Sr Col Canh, Ms Huong, and Thao Griffiths), and leave by van

RON for Dr Long’s group: Hilton Garden Inn, tel: 732-225-0900, fax: 732-512-0542, toll free: 800-774-1500, Add: 50, Raritan Center Parkway, Edison, NJ 08837

FRIDAY, 5 JUNE 2009: SITE VISITS

Amb Xuan’s program (accompanied by Kim-Chi and Yen): to be arranged by the Vietnamese Consulate in SF
June 5 leave for SF,
June 6 meeting with NGOs, donors to discuss bilateral relations matters incl AO
June 7 Site visit and meeting with US veterans
June 8 Meeting with some Californian Senators and Representatives to discuss the relationship between Vietnam and California, issues of mutual interests and mutual concern, especially Agent Orange/dioxin. Brief them of the results of the Dialogue Group meeting in DC
June 9: Leave for VN
June 10: Arrive in Hanoi

Program for Dr Long and the rest, to be coordinated by Thao Griffiths (Thao checks transport in NJ, either rent a van, or provided by EPA)

8 AM: Present at the office of Harry L. Allen, US EPA/ERT, MS-101, Bldg. 18, 2890 Woodbridge Ave., Edison, NJ 08837, Tel: 732 321-6747, Cell: 609 865-4422

The rest of the day: visit Superfund sites, arranged by EPA. POC Harry Allen (visits to Horseshoe Road and American Cyanamid, and Passaic River)

RON: Hilton Garden Inn, tel: 732-225-0900, fax: 732-512-0542, toll free: 800-774-1500,
Add: 50, Raritan Center Parkway, Edison, NJ 08837

SATURDAY, 6 JUNE 2009: SITE VISIT WITH HARRY ALLEN – OPTIONAL, TO BE CONFIRMED

Harry will explore doing Cornell on Saturday if Jeff can come and maybe Burnt Fly Bog, if Rich can guide us, finishing up back in Edison.

Dinner: With the Vns Permanent Mission to New York. Tentative – to be confirmed

RON: Carter Hotel, 250 W 43rd St New York, NY 10036, tel (212) 944-6000

SUNDAY, 7 JUNE 2009:

Morning, afternoon, and evening: Visit the building of United Nations, visit the meeting room of the UN Security Council, and sight seeing in New York (Thao to coordinate with the Vns Mission)

(transport during the time in NY will be arranged by the Vietnamese Mission: TBC)

RON: Carter Hotel, 250 W 43rd St New York, NY 10036, tel (212) 944-6000

MONDAY, 8 JUNE 2009: SITE VISIT

5AM: Leave for airport for Atlanta

8:15AM Arrive in Atlanta

8:30-9:30AM: Arrive in hotel

10AM and PM Visit the HHS/CDC office

Dinner: To be confirmed.

RON: The Emory Conference Center Hotel <http://emoryconferencecenter.com>
Add: 1615, Clifton Road, Atlanta, GA 30329
Ph: 404-712-6000, Fax: 404-712-6235

TUESDAY, 9 JUNE 2009: Earliest possible flight to Washington DC (Dulles Airport) for Dr Long, Lt Gr Long, Dr Tam, Sr Col Canh, and Dr Thang. Huong and Thao say goodbye to the delegation from here.

1:25 PM Leave Dulles Airport, for Hanoi via Seoul (Korean Air)

WED, 10 JUNE 2009: 10:05 PM - Arrive in the Noi-Bai Airport, Hanoi

END OF MISSION