



U.S. — INDOCHINA RECONCILIATION PROJECT



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1989/90 EDUCATORS' DELEGATION

Background

Beginning with the 1985-86 Christmas break, six delegations of American educators have traveled to post-war Indochina. Participants' fields included history, political science, sociology, women's studies, social studies, communication, folklore, English, anthropology, community education, comparative education, geography, American studies, law, social work, theater, libraries, nursing, art, epidemiology, and philosophy. The visits opened new doors for exchange and were successful from the viewpoint of both guests and hosts. Building on this experience, similar trips are planned for late June/July 1989 and the winter break 1989/90.

Purposes

- 1) To strengthen teaching about Indochina in the U.S. through discussions of the war and current issues with the "other side" and first-hand observation of daily life.
- 2) To provide teachers and scholars in Indochina greater opportunity to meet their counterparts in the U.S.
- 3) To lay the groundwork for normal educational exchange between U.S. and Indochinese institutions, and for future field research.
- 4) To foster an atmosphere of understanding and reconciliation between countries and cultures separated by four decades of war and hostility.

Format

USIRP trips combine a working program oriented to educators with tourism. Groups travel to areas of unique natural beauty such as Ha Long Bay in northern Vietnam or to Dalat in the central highlands and to historic sites like the former royal capital of Hue. We go to museums; visit educational, social and economic institutions; and attend cultural performances. The delegation meets professional counterparts and leaders in education and foreign affairs as well as Western diplomats and aid workers. Discussions have been held with the Universities of Hanoi, Ho Chi Minh City, Dalat, Can Tho and Hue. Participants have the opportunity to speak on their field of study to counterparts. (Activities during free time outside the scheduled program are not restricted but it is difficult to arrange special appointments for individual research.)

Proposed itinerary

The summer group will leave the U.S. during the second half of June 1989. The winter trip departs just after Christmas. The core of the trip is Vietnam and requires about three weeks including international travel via Bangkok. We usually offer the option of also visiting Laos and/or Kampuchea. The itinerary within Vietnam varies but has included

Ho Chi Minh city, the tunnels of Cu Chi, My Tho, Can Tho, Dalat, Nha Trang, Danang, Hue, Hanoi, Haiphong and the Red River Delta.

Selection process

(Application Deadlines: April 10, September 30)

In order to make the trip productive, the group will be limited in size. An application form is available from USIRP and should be completed as soon as possible, but must be received no later than April 10 for the summer trip and September 10 for the winter delegation. TEN copies of a recent, brief, resume or curriculum vitae must accompany the application. If there are more candidates than places, selection is by an Advisory Committee made up of prior participants. Preference is given to those whose current teaching covers Indochina or the Vietnam War, or whose position or discipline is relevant for future educational exchange. Graduate students will also be considered.

Costs

Final costs depend on variable international air and internal Indochina prices. The core trip for those who only visit Vietnam should total around \$2600 - \$2800. Kampuchea adds about \$500 and Laos \$300. No funding is available from USIRP, but most former participants were able to obtain assistance from their schools.

Previous participants

Nina Adams, Sangamon State; Jeffery Barlow, Lewis and Clark, Ed Beard, UMass/Boston; Suzanne Berg, Oak Park River Forest High School; David Berman, Pittsburgh; Sharon Bloom, Stanford; Eileen Blumenthal, Rutgers; Lady Borton, writer; Kevin Bowen, Joiner Center; William Brinker, Tennessee Technical Institute; Phil Brown, North Carolina/Charlotte; Paul Camacho, Joiner Center; Helen Chauncey, Georgetown; Douglas Clifford, Bunker Hill; Kenton Clymer, Texas/El Paso; Katherine Cochrane, Missouri; Steven Cohen, Cambridge School; Carol Compton, Ithaca; Edward Crapol, William and Mary; Joseph DiPrisco, San Francisco University High School; Stephen Dunnett, SUNY/Buffalo; Vallye Ezell, Richland; Russell Fifield, Michigan; Sarah Foster, Florida A&M; Janet Gardner, journalist; John Gates, Wooster; Joel Glassman, Missouri; Jonathan Goldstein, West Georgia; Stephen Gosch, Wisconsin/Eau Claire; Michael Haas, Hawaii; Harry Haines, Trinity; Judith Henchy, Joiner Center; Donald Hindley, Grandis, Alan Hinerfeld, photographer; David Hunt, UMass/Boston; Paul Joseph, Tufts; Faith Keenan, journalist, Gail Kelly, SUNY/Buffalo; Charles Keyes, Washington; Jeffrey Kimball, Miami (Ohio); Judy Kugelmass, Cornell; Paul Lyons, Stockton State; Glen May, Oregon; David Harr, Australian National University; Mary McDonnell, Social Science Research Council; Andrea McElderry, Louisville; Melinda Meade, North Carolina; Gene Michaud, Joiner Center; Edwin Noice, Clemson; Robert Mulholland, Campaign California; Franklin Nickell, Southeast Missouri; Patricia Pelley, Cornell; Douglas Platt, Stanford, Frank Proschan, Smithsonian; William Rieger, Gov't Administrator; Catherine Rieger, social worker; Thomas Riggins, New School; Larry Rottman, Southwest Missouri; Robert Slabey, Notre Dame; Ingrid Swenson, North Carolina; John Sylvester, North Carolina; Sandra Taylor, Utah, Mary Ann Tetreault, Old Dominion; David Thomas, Emmanuel; Ralph Timperi, Tufts; John Trimpey, Tenn/Chattanooga; Thaveeporn Vasavakul, Cornell; Toby Volkman, Social Science Research Council; John Warren, Milton Academy, Robert Warren, Johnson State; Carol Wolchok, American Bar Association; Sylvia Wolchok, Psychotherapist; Brantly Womack, Northern Illinois; James Wren, Rhodes College; Linda Yarr, Denver; Eleanor Zelliot, Carleton.

USIRP is considering organizing a trip to Vietnam for undergraduates during the summer of 1989. The decision to sponsor the trip will be made in mid-April depending on the level of interest. We particularly want to make this opportunity available to students who have completed courses about Vietnam and/or the Vietnam war.