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## HANOI PLEDGES UNITY WITH HUE AND SAIGON

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Hanoi, Hue, Saigon

Are the branches of the same tree, children of the same family.

Nine years ago these words were composed to mark the brotherhood of the three brotherly cities of Hanoi, Saigon, and Hue. Nine years have gone by and this close tie has become closer and closer.

The North-South brotherhood movement has deeply rooted in the mind of the masses, reminding everyone to promote the national tradition and the com-patriot feelings, raise the spirit of combat, and patiently join the troops and people of the South, of Saigon and Hue to overcome difficulties and to fulfill the sacred mission of liberating the South, defending the North, and bringing peace and unification to the country.

At the special political conference in March 1964, president Ho had said: "All the people in the North must always remember that while we are working and building toward peace our people in the South are heroically and ardently struggling against the American imperialists and their lackeys. Therefore, each and every one of us must double our workload to compensate for the losses of our brotherly people in the South." Since then, the brotherhood movement has become more realistic and has resulted in revolutionary actions to build the North and support the South. From the "Working on Saturday to step up the struggle for reunification" movement to operate the Gia Lam rail-way yard; through the meters of cloth and tons of drugs "for the brotherly South", the Hanoi busses named after Ben Thanh, Dong Ba, the Hanoi-Saigon-Hue summer camps..., to the slogan "Whatever Saigon and Hue need the youth of Hanoi will supply" of the "three readiness" youth of the capital, the movement

of brotherhood of the three cities has mobilized and encouraged the people of the capital to work twice as hard and to bring about many good results in production, combat and work. One of these results is the close tie between the people of the three cities who have shared the joys of victory and the worries of difficulties with one another and mobilized, assisted, and encouraged one another to trample on the enemy and move forward toward glorious victories. "When Hanoi calls, Saigon and Hue answer; when Saigon and Hue call, Hanoi is ready!" These words have become combat slogans which have been very well carried out, especially since the early Mau Than spring when Saigon and Hue launched the general assault and simultaneous uprising with resounding victories. Whenever the American bandits bothered Hanoi, Saigon and Hue immediately responded by smashing them right in their strongholds. On the other hand, when the bandits terrorized and killed our relatives in Saigon and Hue, the capital responded by placing its hatred on gun muzzles and opening heavy fire on the American sky bandits. Up to present, these are still our slogans of actions.

At this movement, the people of both the North and the South are further tightening their ranks and consolidating their unity in observing their national mourning and pledging to carry the invincible banner of President Ho to its final target. The more it grieves, the more Hanoi sympathizes with the boundless sorrows of Saigon and Hue. Since the August Revolution, the people and children of Saigon and Hue have been waiting day and night for the victorious day to welcome Uncle Ho's visit! The more they waited, the more the people of Saigon and Hue have heroically and patiently struggled to destroy the Americans and the reactionaries to shorten this waiting period.

Now, when the victorious day is so close, our most respectable Uncle Ho is no longer with us! How said and sorrowful Saigon and Hue have felt! But the more they feel sorrowful, the more the people of Saigon and Hue will hate the Americans and the reactionaries, the more they will strive to fight to achieve final victory in order to show their gratitude to Uncle Ho and to keep their promise to Him.

Hanoi is also moving on the same path. The people of Hanoi are enthusiastically carrying out the political activities campaign to "study and to comply with the will of President Ho." They have realized more clearly the heavy responsibility of being the center of the great rear base and the demand for greater efforts to contribute to the victories of the great front line.

President Ho has taught us: "The resistance against the Americans might be prolonged. Our people might have to sacrifice more men and money. However, we must be determined to fight the American bandits until complete victory."<sup>1</sup> Hanoi, Saigon, and Hue pledge to close their ranks and to fight side by side to carry out these sacred words. Confronted with the stubborn attitude and the deceiving schemes of the enemy, Saigon and Hue will have to overcome many hardships and challenges in order to fulfill their heavy

but glorious task of smashing the Americans and the reactionaries right in their last strongholds. Together with the whole country, Hanoi must support Saigon and Hue in every area. On the other hand, the resounding victories and the heroic examples of combat of the South, of Saigon and Hue, will mobilize and encourage Hanoi to emulate in production and work in order to strengthen the socialist rear base and to set an example for the whole country as reminded times and again by President Ho. With the sacred strings that have long tied the people of the same country together, and after nine years of increasingly close relationship, the Hanoi-Saigon-Hue brotherhood will be further developed and will contribute an important part to pushing the resistance against America for national salvation to complete victory.

The people of Hanoi pledge to fulfill this glorious obligation. That is the most concrete way to commemorate the ninth anniversary of the Hanoi-Saigon-Hue brotherhood day and the 15th anniversary of the liberation of the capital and to carry out the will of our respectable President Ho. Raising high the invincible banner of President Ho, Hanoi, Saigon, and Hue will hand in hand advance forward in the revolutionary assault wave of the whole country. We are determined to comply with President Ho's words. We will kick the Americans out, knock down the reactionaries, and regain independence, freedom, and just peace. We firmly believe that "despite difficulties and hardships, our people will certainly achieve complete victory. The American imperialists will certainly have to get out of our country. The people of the South and the North will be reunited in one family..."<sup>2</sup>

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