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are Determined to Carry President Ho's Invincible Banner to its Ultimate Goal")

One year has elapsed since respected and beloved Uncle Ho died, According to Vietnamese customs, 3 September represents an occasion for the Vietnamese to respectfully commemorate the 1st anniversary of President Ho's death. While bidding farewell to President Ho, every Vietnamese deeply placed in his heart President Ho's boundless love for him. For many months now, our Vietnamese people and the world's people have been mourning President Ho and have understood him not only as individual being but also as part of a collective mass. Each one of us has realized more profoundly and more comprehensively than ever all the greatness of President Ho's life, the undertaking of a genius-like leader, his meritorious service to our people and our country, and his contributions to the world's peoples. His image has remained marvelously vivid in our hearts. His indescribably vivid and beautiful image reflects human ethics and the brilliant truths of our age.

Commemorating the 1st anniversary of President Ho's death, our people feel boundlessly proud of their great leader. We feel even prouder of our people, of our nation, and of his struggle which we are continuing. With immeasurably intensified revolutionary enthusiasm and with absolute confidence in President Ho, we are determined to surge forward and to satisfy by every means his ideals and his desire.

Commemorating the 1st anniversary of President Ho's death, we also commemorate the 1st anniversary of the historic testament which he left for our people and which has shown our people throughout the country the way to struggle, to satisfactorily continue his undertaking, and to gloriously accomplish it. President Ho's testament reflects most vividly his ideology and ethics, and is filled with his intimate feelings toward our present and future generations. The last thoughts and sentiments in his great mind and great heart were directed largely to our southern people. In his testament, the basic and most challenging task set forth by President Ho for our people is to "resolutely fight the U.S. aggressors until total victory." This represents a sacred national duty. This also represents a noble international duty.

When alive, President Ho, fully aware of the enemy, constantly concerned himself with closely guiding our people. In his testament, he solicitously told us: "The anti-U.S., resistance might drag on, our compatriots

might have to undergo extensive human and material sacrifices." However, he began his testament by asserting his confidence in our people's inevitable victory which, he said, is "a certainty."

Before he passed away, he expressed a hope he had cherished throughout his life time: "All our people should unite and struggle to build a peaceful, unified, independent, democratic, prosperous, and powerful Viet-Nam and to make worthy contributions to the world revolutionary struggle."

President Ho's sacred testament profoundly moved every Vietnamese patriot. Throughout the southern and northern parts of our country, the determination to implement his testament has been translated into an enthusiastic, vigorous, and widespread mass movement to turn into action and to persist in and step up the sacred anti-U.S. national salvation resistance.

The commemoration of the 1st anniversary of President Ho's death provided an opportunity for each one of us to review his valuable advice and to review the initial achievements that we have scored in the past year during which we have emulatively studied and complied with his testament.

All of the NFLSV's and the Republic of South Viet-Nam Provisional Revolutionary Government's lines and policies have been thoroughly imbued with President Ho's teachings. The NFLSV's and the PRG's lines and policies manifest their high determination to lead all our armed forces and people in successfully achieving his ideals and his desire.

Under NFLSV-PRG leadership and implementing President Ho's sacred testament, our armed forces and people won glorious victories in the first half of 1970 and have continued to develop their initiative, have continuously launched attacks and staged uprisings throughout the three areas, and have directed extremely serious blows to the Americans' Vietnamization-of-the-war scheme. Disregarding the enemy's most intense bombings and shellings, our southern PLAF have constantly matured, have constantly held aloft their invincible banner, have inflicted extremely heavy losses on the enemy in troop strength and war equipment, have created conditions for the masses to arise, to annihilate the tyrants, to destroy enemy bondage, and to regain control, have spread the enemy on all battlefields, and have driven him more deeply into a strategically passive, defensive position.

Disregarding the millions of tons of bombs and poisonous chemicals that have been dropped day and night by the enemy and disregarding his most cruel, savage, and insidious tricks aimed at herding the people, our compatriots in the rural and mountain areas have courageously arisen with a new elan, have conducted a three-pronged offensive against the enemy, have completely or partially destroyed the enemy's strategic hamlets

and concentration camps, have resolutely punished the bondage-imposing tyrants, have opposed conscription and civil self-defense, have demanded that they be allowed to return to their native villages in order to earn their livelihood, have further frustrated the Americans' criminal pacification and land-grabbing plans, and, at the same time, have regained and extended the people's control, have built the revolutionary administration, have resolutely consolidated and firmly strengthened the rearbases in order to serve the frontline and to improve the people's livelihood, have intensively built combat villages and hamlets and developed guerrilla warfare in order to prevent the enemy from reoccupying the liberated areas, have firmly protected public security and order, and have stepped up production improve the people's welfare.

Disregarding the enemy's yoke of bondage, fascist dictatorship, violence, and extremely reactionary repression and terrorism, the courageous and indomitable urban compatriots have continuously arisen and struggled against the enemy's scheme to intensively scrape up the people's wealth, to step up conscription, and to strengthen his control over the people in order to support the Vietnamization-of-the-war policy. The urban compatriots also have resolutely struggled to regain their right to live.

Our compatriots of all strata-- from workers, laborers, and high school and college students to notables and intellectuals-- have been filled with hatred for the enemy and have found the oppressive, dictatorial, and rotten regime rigged up by the Americans no longer tolerable. Various strata of the urban compatriots have continuously unleashed unprecedentedly enthusiastic and increasingly widespread struggles, have directed the spearhead of their struggle at the U.S. imperialist aggressors and their lackeys, the puppet Thieu-Ky-Khiem clique, and have demanded their vital interests, the restoration of peace, an end to the war, the withdrawal of U.S. troops, and the overthrow of the Thieu-Ky-Khiem clique. Despite the fact that the enemy has taken brazen, repressive measures and has resorted to every insidious trick to appease and disunite them, the urban compatriots have resolutely developed their struggle movement. A broad, united-action front has taken shape, rallying large numbers of people of various strata, including some members of the puppet army and administration who still have a national spirit. The urban compatriots' struggle movement has driven the Thieu-Ky-Khiem clique into unprecedented isolation.

Loyal to President Ho's testament, our southern armed forces and people have held and are holding aloft the banner of great national solidarity, have highly developed the "Nothing is more valuable than independence and freedom" spirit and revolutionary heroism, have overcome

fierce hardships, have continuously launched attacks and staged uprisings, have repeatedly won new victories, and have advanced with a determination to successfully implement President Ho's testament.

To salvage their frustrated Vietnamization-of-the-war scheme, the U.S. imperialists adventurously extended the war to Cambodia and Laos. However, they have had to pay an extremely dear price for their frenzied, adventurous acts. They have fallen more deeply into a defeated, passive position and have been vehemently condemned by the American and world peoples.

The South Vietnamese, Cambodian, and Laotian peoples have formed an unprecedentedly broad offensive front. This represents a new factor for success. Loyal to President Ho's testament and demonstrating their noble internationalist spirit, our southern people vow to join with the fraternal peoples on the Indochinese peninsula in constantly developing the great strength inherent in their militant solidarity and in resolutely fighting the U.S. aggressors until total victory.

Obviously, our armed forces and people are standing firmly in a winning and offensive position, whereas the U.S. imperialists have fallen more deeply into an irremediably defeated, passive, and strategically defensive and stalemated position. The Americans' serious defeats on the battlefields have created grave political and economic difficulties for them at home and have compelled them to continue to withdraw their troops although their Vietnamization-of-the-war scheme has sustained serious setbacks and, as a result, has proved to be unworkable. However, the extremely warlike, stubborn, and perfidious U.S. imperialists have not resigned themselves to admitting defeat and have not renounced their evil, aggressive designs against our country and the neighboring countries, Cambodia and Laos. By committing the most cruel, towering crimes and by resorting to barbarous and insidious tricks from their stalemated position, they have taken risk and intensively carried out the special pacification plan. They want to prolong the war, seek military victories on the battlefield, and acquire a position of strength at the conference table in the hope of compelling our people to accept the terms that conform with their aggressive designs.

Before achieving total victory, the anti-U.S. national salvation resistance of our armed forces and people will have to undergo many difficulties and hardships. However, President Ho's testament illuminates the path along which we will advance. So long as the U.S. imperialists stubbornly prolong, in one form or another, their war of aggression in South Viet-Nam and so long as they continue to trample upon our country and to massacre our people, we will continue to fight in order to

completely wipe out the U.S. troops and their lackeys and, thereby, liberate the south, protect the north, and advance toward peaceful reunification of the , fatherland.

The U.S. imperialists have made ~~one~~ erroneous calculation after another and, as a result, have continuously suffered defeats. However, they have stubbornly prolonged their unjust war, trampling upon our people's most earnest aspirations for independence and freedom and upon the aspirations of the American people and of peace-lovers worldwide. If the U.S. imperialists continue to indulge in their crumbling dream and if they <sup>move</sup> more deeply into the endless tunnel, they will certainly suffer even more ignominious defeats. This is a certainty.

Our armed forces and people have acquired increasingly favorable conditions for advancing and directing a decisive blow to the U.S. imperialists' Vietnamization-of-the-war scheme. Deeply imbued with President Ho's testament, the NLFV and the PRG issued an appeal on the 25th anniversary of the successful August Revolution and of the fatherland's independence day. Let all our armed forces and people highly develop revolutionary heroism, develop the indomitable and stalwart traditions of the August Revolution, overcome all hardships and dangers, surge forward and launch relentless, all-out attacks against the U.S. imperialists with a determination to completely frustrate their Vietnamization-of-the-war scheme and to compel them to rapidly and unconditionally withdraw all of the U.S. and satellite troops from South Viet-Nam and allow the South Vietnamese people to settle their internal affairs without foreign interference. The best way to show our profound mourning for and gratitude to President Ho-- the boundlessly respected and beloved leader of our people-- is to turn our unflagging, iron-firm determination into action.

Loyal to President Ho's sacred testament and upholding the honorable oaths taken by our people in both parts of the country while bidding farewell to President Ho, all of our armed forces and people are determined to carry his invincible banner to its ultimate destination,