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HANOI SEES EFFORTS TO REPAY SOUTH FOR SACRIFICES 'INADEQUATE'

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On 8 October 1960 in historical Hanoi delegates from the three cities of Hanoi, Saigon, and Hue formally joined in brotherhood, solemnly pledging full cooperation with the rest of the country in driving off the U.S. pirate aggressors, safeguarding the Fatherland, and unifying the country.

In their ten years of unified fighting under the glorious banner of President Ho, Hanoi-Saigon-Hue have proven to the beloved Fatherland more clearly with each passing day to be:

"Children of the same father, under the roof of one house,
United in body and soul,
Standing as firm as an iron tripod
In the face of all adversity." (To Huu)

Under many profound forms of emulation from the "Saturday for unity" movement to "Everyone does twice as much work to repay our blood brother compatriots in the South" emulation, compatriots and soldiers of Hanoi from every class, age group, and religion, among them the cherished children from the South, from Saigon and Hue who have come to the North, have devoted themselves to enthusiastic emulation in production and tenacity in combat. Many factories, cooperatives, schools, fields, machines, streets, gardens, ponds, avenues, and nurseries bear the names Saigon and Hue as well as those of historical ruins, heroes, soldiers, and glorious military exploits of the two brotherhood cities as seen in the 20 units bearing the name the Hanoi-Saigon-Hue Brotherhood which have pledged complete loyalty to the unyielding South, the unyielding Saigon and Hue.

The U.S. pirates' dim-witted escalation of their war of destruction by violent attacks upon the North and Hanoi could have interdicted the constant support in the hearts of the people of Hanoi for the large frontlines. But, to the contrary, moved by its pride in being the capital of a heroic nation, Hanoi not only strongly punished U.S. pirates daring to violate its skies during the four violent years of challenges, but also fostered an emulation movement of unprecedented determination to reinforce the frontlines and gain complete victory over the U.S. pirate aggressors.

Many flowers of brotherhood have blossomed everywhere. Tens of thousands of the capital's youth have enthusiastically joined the army to kill the pirates. Many women of the capital are proud of the sincere words heard when bidding farewell to their husbands and sons: "When the U.S. pirates are gone from our country, we will return."

For every military success resounding back from the frontlines tens of thousands of products, overflowing with North-South sentiment, have been produced in the capital ahead of deadlines. Each victory in the political struggle of Saigon and Hue has been a tremendous source of encouragement and additional strength moving Hanoi forward to fulfill its task. The Thang Long Cigarette Factory has made 500,000 packs of cigarettes as gifts to the South, cloth and medicine kits were produced during overtime in the "Two million meters of cloth and 100 tons of medicine as gifts to the South" movement at the Dong Xuan Textile Mill, the March Mill, and the Pharmaceutical Enterprise, "forward area" bags of rice from the Grinding Mill in the "Each shift produces three extra quintals as gifts to Saigon and Hue" movement, the Ben Thanh and Dong Ba busses, the lesson plans, scientific research, and cultural and art works for the South, etc.

In each product the people of Hanoi express their love and respect for unyielding Saigon and Hue.

During the war of destruction everything from the military exploits of shooting down U.S. pirate aircraft to thoroughly dispersing factories, agencies, schools, cooperatives, elders and children from the city, promoting people's air defense, and producing while fighting was done with the same sincere thought in mind: standing shoulder to shoulder with Saigon and Hue to defeat the nation's common enemy.

After the bombing of the capital stopped, even though life had returned to normal, its people performed every job

in every field of activity with great determination and honor: ready to endure further hardships to carry out socialist construction in the capital and wholeheartedly reinforce the great front so that Hanoi is ready to answer the call of Saigon and Hue.

For nearly a week, in the atmosphere of happy celebration of the 10th anniversary of the Hanoi-Saigon-Hue Brotherhood many new products bearing the names of October, Saigon, and Hue such as the October metal press and rolling mill, the "Ten year brotherhood of Hanoi-Saigon-Hue" cases of beer, the bars of Ba Dinh, Ben Thanh, and Dong Ba soap, brotherhood bicycle handlebars, brotherhood wool rugs, brotherhood glass vases and cups...have been emerging. Many enterprises completed their state plans for September ahead of deadlines. In addition, there have been many forms of emulation for Saigon and Hue: "Set new production records in tribute to Hue and Saigon," "The Hanoi-Saigon-Hue cross country race," the "Good instruction, good study in examining the brotherhood of Saigon and Hue", "a conference on practicing economy against the U.S.," planting brotherhood trees, working in brotherhood fields, a day of brotherhood labor collecting discarded material and inferior products...all, from start to finish, expressing Hanoi's gratitude to the South for "going first" and to the brotherhood of Saigon and Hue in its terribly violent struggle against the enemy. Such are the loyal promises and the intense North-South fraternal relationship which Hanoi, in the unity of one heart, has had with the large, heroic frontlines for the past ten years.

During the past ten years the heroism of the South and the brotherhood of Saigon and Hue has constantly been an endless source of pride for the people of Hanoi.

The relationship between the South, Saigon and Hue, and Hanoi is so strong and moving that it defies description. When the North calls, the South rushes forth; and when Saigon and Hue call, Hanoi answers "ready."

In their many years of difficult struggle against the enemy the South, Saigon and Hue, always supporting the party and the loved and respected Uncle Ho, have never forgotten to score many more victories as gifts to the North, to Hanoi. The troops on Con Dao, although not in the face of the wicked enemy, always have the beloved Uncle Ho, the North, and Hanoi in mind...as a source of additional willpower for fighting and defeating the enemy. In particular, whenever they hear that the U.S. pirates have bombed Hanoi, the hearts of our compatriots wrench, tear, and burst with hatred and determination to retaliate ten, one hundred fold for Hanoi because the capital has been the confidence, hope, and longing of compatriots in the South for dozens of years.

Many films, books, photographs, and messages of affection have been sent from the South and Saigon and Hue to Hanoi during the past ten years overflowing with feelings of longing and loyalty. In particular, whenever a delegation from the South crosses the Truong Son to visit the North and its capital, the people of Hanoi are moved and choked with emotion. Whenever a brave soldier from the South visits a factory, he not only leaves behind a deep feeling of respect, but also dozens of brave soldiers are seen appearing on the battlefield of production. The examples of courageous combat by the South and the lessons of revolutionary heroism which they leave behind are a source of inspiration.

During the Fatherland's past ten years the people of the three cities of Hanoi, Saigon, and Hue have shared sorrow and joy and stood shoulder to shoulder encouraging and supporting one another down their road of arduous combat to glorious victory. No pen can describe the feeling of the South, of Saigon and Hue for Hanoi, just as it is also impossible to describe the full extent of Hanoi's feelings and work for the South and the two brotherhood cities.

The eternal closeness of North and South for the independence and freedom of the country and the unification of the country of the people of Hanoi-Saigon-Hue will forever flourish, as will our Fatherland in the spring of combat and victory. However, Hanoi still feels its efforts are inadequate compared to the large sacrifices and wonderful victories of the South, Saigon, and Hue; Hanoi deeply realizes that many more efforts must be made to excellently answer the needs of the large frontlines.

Our ancestors had the saying:

As crepe covers a vanity
So love must cover
The people of a country.

Never before has that tradition been more beautifully expressed than as it is today across the breadth and depth of our country. Never before has the sound "Hanoi-Saigon-Hue" touched the hearts and minds of the people of Hanoi as warmly and deeply as today, arousing in them many beautiful images of closer unity in the noble undertaking to complete the liberation of the nation and the unification of the Fatherland.

Happily celebrating the 10th anniversary of the Hanoi-Saigon-Hue brotherhood, the compatriots and soldiers of the capital, with the loyalty of one heart and fearless of hardship and sacrifice, have vowed to stand more closely shoulder to

shoulder with their compatriots and soldiers of the South and the Saigon-Hue brotherhood, actively contribute to the country's revolutionary undertaking, and be more worthy of the confidence of the two brotherhood cities to quickly unify North and South, Hanoi, Hue, and Saigon under the same roof.

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