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CEREMONY MARKS REOPENING OF DANANG-CAU DO RAILWAY LINE

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[Text] On the morning of 12 April, large numbers of workers and compatriots in Danang gathered at the Danang railroad station to attend a ceremony marking the resumption of traffic on the line between Danang and Cau Do.

On behalf of the provisional steering committee in charge of railroad operations between Danang and Hue, Mr Nguyen Xuan Lu read an opening speech pointing out the achievements of Danang railroad workers who have carried out a fierce struggle for 2 weeks, preventing the enemy from removing or destroying machines and facilities, safeguarding all locomotives and cars and quickly reporting for work under the leadership of the revolutionary administration. They repaired more than 10,000 rails, 500 ties and three portions of line and are making efforts to resume railroad operations between Danang and Hue.

On behalf of the Danang People's Revolutionary Committee, Mr Pham Duc Nam warmly acclaimed the Danang railroad workers for their spirit of solidarity, heroic struggle and creative work behavior. He said the resumption of traffic on the line between Danang and Cau Do was the first step in the efforts to resume railroad operations between Danang and Lang Co and Hue and between Danang and the southern part of Trung Bo. He stressed that the local workers would achieve what the enemy had failed to achieve in the past. He appealed to workers of both sexes to exercise the right to be master and positively build and develop the revolutionary administration, mass organizations and the self-defense forces.

On behalf of the Danang railroad workers, Mr Nguyen Van Doi expressed his views, denouncing the Nguyen Van Thieu administration for paying no attention to the railroad branch and for coercing, exploiting and imprisoning workers and forcing them to suffer unemployment and live in constant misery.

He expressed his gratitude to the revolution for guiding the workers in rising up to rid themselves of a miserable life and to live a new joyful one. He expressed the determination of railroad workers and office employees to overcome the bad habits which were formed in the old society, to follow the examples of revolutionary combatants and to work eagerly to help quickly restore the railroad sector.

Addressing the brother and sister workers, a representative of the Danang Federation of Trade Unions and a representative of the central Trung Bo communications sector pointed out that the task of the railroad sector is to coordinate its activities with those of the maritime and road sectors to develop a perfected communications network in support of the development and protection of the country. They called on the brother and sister railroad workers in Danang to closely coordinate their activities with those of the railroad workers in Hue, Quang Ngai and other localities to form a perfected railroad network running from one end of our country to the other.

At 0800 sharp, the first train left the station with many passengers aboard, headed north amidst the cheers of a large number of our compatriots.

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