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Hi, netters,

Below is the news release from Edmonton Viets Association on Sunday, July 14, 1996.

Member of the VNese trade delegation sought political refugee in Edmonton

Edmonton, AB. - Information was release today that a Press Conference held today in Edmonton Viets Association reveals that Mr. Hoang Minh Quan, a member of the Vietnamese Delegation sent to Edmonton to promote trade at the "Discover Vietnam" Trade Show sought political refugee in Canada.

Released also was a sworn statement in which Mr. Hoang Minh Quan stated: "I have seen many examples of oppression and brutality against individuals who speak out against the Communist government in Vietnam. I would like all citizens of Canada to know that the Edmonton trade show is being used as a tool by certain member of the Communist elite in Vietnam for propaganda and financial purposes".

The defection comes from the heals of a Press Conference previously scheduled by the Edmonton Vietnamese Community to protest the trade show misrepresentation of human rights violations by the Vietnamese Government. The news of the defection came as a pleasant surprise to the Edmonton Vietnamese Community.

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