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HOANG TUNG ON EARLY CPV CONGRESS, SRV LEADERSHIP

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[Text] Hanoi, Sept. 21 KYODO -- Vietnam's new leaders, including Foreign Minister Nguyen Co Thach, will make their formal debut next year when the Communist Party is likely to hold a national convention, two years ahead of schedule, a senior party secretary has said.

Though party General Secretary Le Duan, Chairman of the Council of State Truong Chinh, and other party elders are still active, their duties have been gradually taken over by younger leaders, party Secretary Hoang Tung said Thursday. He said Politburo members Le Duc Tho and Vo Chi Cong are expected to emerge as new party leaders.

In the most clear indication of a change in party leadership to date, the secretary also referred to Politburo members To Huu, Vo Van Kiet and Nguyen Duc Tam, and alternate Politburo member Nguyen Co Thach as younger party leaders doing important jobs. To Huu and Vo Van Kiet are vice premier, and Nguyen Co Thach is foreign minister. Hoang Tung, a senior party spokesman, is regarded close to General Secretary Le Duan.

The secretary said high on the agenda at the party convention will be a review of the decade since the end of the Vietnam war in 1975, and formulation of a 10-year program covering the period 1986-1995. The previous party convention was held in 1982. Hoang Tung indicated Vietnam's socialist policy has been fully reviewed by new party leaders.