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Tung is a well-known journalist in North Vietnam, and is responsible for the continual dissemination of government propaganda through the party newspaper and other channels.

Nothing is known of his background, but his rise to positions of importance in recent years has been swift and impressive. He was first noticed in 1955 when he was mentioned as one of the editors of the North Vietnamese Lao Dong Party's daily newspaper, *Nhan Dan*. In 1957 he became Vice-President of the Vietnam Journalists' Association, which is affiliated to the International Organisation of Journalists (IOJ), a Communist front organisation. In 1962 he was elected President of the Vietnam Journalists' Association, and also an Executive Committee member of IOJ.

In 1960 his services to the party cause were recognised, and he was elected to the Central Committee as an alternate member, and in 1963 was entrusted with the overall editorship of *Nhan Dan*. When the Vietnam-Cuba Friendship Association was formed in 1965, Tung was appointed President, and has retained the position.

His work in carrying the party line and policies through the medium of *Nhan Dan* has clearly met with the approval of the North Vietnamese Government, and in 1969 his services as a propagandist were called on in the post of Deputy Head of the Central Propaganda and Training Board of the Central Committee. Little is known about this function, but it is presumed to involve the direction of much of the propaganda that is carried to the North Vietnamese population in the Press and over *Hanoi Radio*.

Hoang Tung has travelled abroad frequently, making official visits to China (1956 and 1963), USSR (1962, 1966 and 1967), Cuba (1968 and 1970) and North Korea (1965). He gave the opening speech at a mass rally in Hanoi in April 1969 in celebration of the 99th anniversary of Lenin's birth.