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AKAHATA INTERVIEWS VICE FOREIGN MINISTER HOANG

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[Text] Tokyo, 16 Mar (JPS)--AKAHATA on March 15 and 16 carried respectively the gist and detail of an interview with Hoang Anh Tuan, Vietnamese foreign vice-minister, which was given exclusively to AKAHATA correspondent in Hanoi Toshifumi Kitahara.

The second round of the Vietnam-China foreign vice-ministerial talks were discontinued on March 6, 1980. One year has elapsed since then, but there is no sign of resumption of the talks, despite the repeated proposal for their resumption, put forward by the Vietnamese side.

Answering questions, the Vietnamese foreign vice-minister said Vietnam is consistent in demanding an early start of the third round of the talks, in order to settle the issues between the two countries through negotiations. He said that the three-point proposal, which the Vietnamese side made in the first session of the first round of talks, is still valid, and the Vietnamese [side] wants an agreement even if it is on a lower-level issue, if it is impossible to reach an agreement on a higher-level issue at a stroke.

He said the reason why the talks are not resumed is because the Chinese authorities are following the policy of antagonism and illusion.

Referring to the Southeast Asian regional conference proposed by the third foreign ministers conference of the Indochinese countries, the Vietnamese foreign vice-minister said Vietnam will welcome Burma and whatever country, if it has goodwill and wants to contribute to the regional conference.