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HOANG QUOC VIET RECEIVES GOLD STAR ORDER

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[Text] Hanoi VNA May 29 -- Hoang Quoc Viet, former president of the Vietnam Federation of Trade Unions and honorary president of the Vietnam Fatherland Front, has been awarded Gold Star Order, the highest distinction of Vietnam, on the occasion of his 80th birthday.

Present at the conferment ceremony held at the presidential palace here yesterday by the Communist Party of Vietnam Central Committee and the State Council were Truong Chinh, Political Bureau member of the party Central Committee and president of the State Council; Pham Van Dong, Political Bureau member of the party Central Committee and chairman of the Council of Ministers; Nguyen Huu Tho, chairman of the National Assembly; and many other party and state leaders.