

(NGUYEN PHAN LONG (1889- ?). Reformist political figure in early twentieth-century Vietnam. Born of a South Vietnamese father in Hanoi in 1889, he went to Cochin China and after taking employment as a customs official became a journalist, founding his own newspaper, L'Echo Annamite, in 1920. For several years he cooperated with Bui Quang Chieu in the moderate reformist constitutionalist Party, based in Saigon. In 1925 he presented a famous list of demands for reform (Cahier des Voeux Annamites) to Governor-general Alexander Varenne.

By the 1930s, the two had parted political company as Nguyen Phan Long disagreed with Chieu's close relationship with the French. In 1949, he was named Foreign Minister in the first government of the Associated State of Vietnam under Chief of State Bao Dai. Becoming Prime Minister in January 1950, he was forced out by the French two months later after attempting to obtain direct economic assistance from the United States. (See Bui Quang Chieu; Constitutional Party)