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LEADERS ATTEND FURNERAL FOR TA QUANG BUU

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[Text] Comrade Professor Ta Quang Buu's funeral was held ceremoniously in Hanoi this morning, 25 August. Comrades Truong Chinh, general secretary of the CPV Central Committee and chairman of the Council of State; Pham Van Dong, member of the Political Bureau of the Party Central Committee and chairman of the Council of Ministers; and Van Tien Dung, member of the Political Bureau of the party Central Committee and secretary of the Central Military Party Committee [Bis thuw dangr uyr quaan suwj trung uwowng] and minister of national defense; many other comrade leaders of the party, state, Vietnam Fatherland Front [VFF], State Science and Technology Commission, and mass organizations; professors, cadres, and employees of the higher and vocational education sector; and scientists paid their last respects and laid wreaths in memory of Professor Ta Quang Buu. Comrade Truong Chinh's wreath bore the inscription: Boundless mourning for Comrade Ta Quang Buu. Comrade Pham Van Dong's wreath bore the inscription: Boundless mourning for Professor Ta Quang Buu.

Comrades Truong Chinh, Pham Van Dong, and Van Tien Dung made entries in the mourners' book expressing deep mourning for Professor Ta Quang Buu, an eminent intellectual of the country who devoted all his life to training many youths as scientific and technical cadres and actively contributed to the development and the victories of the heroic Vietnamese People's Armed Forces.

Also present at the funeral were large numbers of college students from all parts of the country, representatives of many international organizations, intellectuals from the capital, and many of Professor Ta quang Buu's friends and colleagues.

At the funeral, Comrade Nguyen Dinh Tu, minister of higher and vocational education, delivered an emotion-filled oration. He said: A Communist Party member who worked continuously for more than 40 years, who was entrusted by the party and the state with many important tasks in the military and diplomatic fields and with the mission of developing scientific and technological potential, and who went through hardships and ordeals, Comrade Ta Quang Buu consistently set a brilliant example by being loyal to the party, the fatherland, and the people. He displayed a high sense of discipline and organization, seeking by every means to properly implement the party's directives and resolutions and ensure collective leadership while upholding individual responsibility. He led a simple life, was fond of learning, and stayed close to cadres. He concentrated efforts on training and fostering a contingent of young, capable scientific cadres for the country and won the affection, confidence, and respect of cadres, professors, teachers, and students.

A scholar endowed with a high sense of responsibility and the first minister for higher and vocational education in Vietnam, Comrade Ta Quang Buu contributed a great deal to building higher and vocational education and developing a contingent of teaching cadres as well as scientific and technical bases, thus creating a basis for the future development of the higher and vocational education sector. He also contributed to developing cooperation between Vietnam and the Soviet Union and other fraternal socialist countries in higher and vocational education. A talented scientist and a leading professor of mathematics, Comrade Ta Quang Buu was respected by world scientists and enjoyed high prestige among Vietnam's scientific cadres.

At 0800 sharp, the comrade leaders of the party, state, VFF, and armed forces and the bereaved family members proceeded to the Mai Dich Cemetery in Hanoi, Comrade Ta Quang Buu's last resting place.