

STUDY TRIP TO JAPAN AND THE PHILIPPINES

President Ngo Dinh Diem has authorized sending a number of ranking Vietnamese Government officials, accompanied by several specialists from Michigan State University, to Japan and the Philippines for a mission of study and observation. The group will leave Saigon at 0810 via Air France 170 August 24, arriving in Tokyo the same evening at 2215. With the exception of Dr. Fishel, the group will remain in Tokyo until the morning of September 5, departing therefrom via Air France 171 at 0830, and arriving in Manila at 1520 the same day. The party plans to remain in Manila until September 10, and will leave that city via PAA 833, reaching Saigon that afternoon at 1430.

This study mission is being undertaken in connection with the proposed reorganization of provincial and local units of government in Vietnam. The group will wish to inspect and study intergovernmental relationships on problems of provincial and local administrative organization, local autonomy arrangements, and budgetary and personnel problems. However, the group will include two officials interested primarily in municipal administration, and it is hoped that these men will have an opportunity to examine the administration and management of such municipal areas as Tokyo, Manila, and one or two representative small cities in Japan.

MEMBERS OF VIETNAMESE GOVERNMENT STUDY MISSION

Mr. Tran-ngoc Lien "Chargé de Mission" at the Presidency of the Republic of Vietnam, with status of a Secretary of State
Career administrator, Highest Honor in examination of Administrators (1935)
Formerly: "Directeur des Bureaux" of the Regional Administration of Central Vietnam 1953; Commissioner for Political and Administrative Affairs of Central Vietnam (1954); Secretary of State for Public Service (Second Cabinet of Mr. Ngo dinh Diem, 1954-55). Will study public service and attributions of province chiefs.

Mr. Do-van Cong Status of Director, "Chargé de Mission" at the Presidency
Formerly: Financial Controller; Chief of Sadec province, Chief of Bac-lieu province; Financial Inspector; Chief of My-tho province. Will study budget.

Mr. Vu-tien Huan Director of Political and Social Studies at the Presidency
Formerly: Chief of Cholon province; Director of South Vietnam Information Service; Director of Political Affairs of South Vietnam. Will study police and security services.

Mr. Vuynh-huu Hy Status of Chief of Division, Director of Cabinet of the Government Delegate for Central Vietnam (1954-1956)
Will study central administration

Mr. Nguyen-van Vang Status of District Chief, Deputy Prefect of Cholon
Formerly: Deputy Chief of Bentre province; Chief of Tayninh province.
Will study municipalities.

Mr. Ho-duy San Status of "Commissioner", Chief of Personnel Division, Government Delegation for Central Vietnam (1954-1956)
Will study municipalities and attributions of province chiefs.

Mr. Chau-ngoc Thoi Status of District Chief, Deputy Director and later Director of Personnel Administration at the Directorate General of Public Service
Will study public service, personnel, and salary.

Mr. Ho-van Si	Status of Director, technical aid officer of Commission General for Refugees Formerly: Deputy Chief of Gia-dinh province; Chief of Tan-an province. Will study municipalities and attributions of province chiefs.
Mr. Trinh-dung Hung	Status of District Chief, administrative delegate of Vinh-xuong district, Nha-trang. Will study central administration.
Mr. Tran-van Phuoc	Status of district chief, Administrative Delegate of Chief-town of Tan-an. Formerly: Administrative delegate of Hoc-mon, Gia-dinh province; Administrative delegate of Tra-on, Can-tho province. Will study central administration.

The above-named officials are accompanied by the following members of
the Michigan State University Vietnam Advisory Group:

Dr. Wesley R. Fishel	Chief Advisor
Mr. Walter Mode	Chief, Field Administration Program Division, and Specialist in Regional and Field Administration
Dr. Guy Fox	Chief, National Institute of Administration Program Division, and Specialist in Municipal and Local Government Administration
Mr. Dang-duc Khoi	Interpreter
Mr. Hoang-dinh Luong	Interpreter
Mr. Mai-thanh Xuan	Interpreter