



March 2010 Summary

| Date | Activity | Meeting Point | Time | To register, contact: |
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| Thursday 4 March | Lecture: "Some Issues in the Life and Career of President Hồ Chí Minh" Lecture by Prof. Đình Xuân Lâm, Professor of History Vietnamese and English | Thế Giới Publishers, top floor in the back 46 Trần Hưng Đạo Street | 7:00pm 1.5 hours | Martin Brennan (brennanhanoi@gmail.com) 0983-521-209 |
| Tuesday 9 March | Informal coffee for anyone who wishes to volunteer with FVH | Apartment of Roman Szlam số 4 Đặng Dung apt 1002 | 10:30am 2 hours | Roman romanszlam@earthlink.net |
| Friday 12 March | Discover Hanoi City Walk: History Museum – pre-history / recorded history English | Vietnam Museum of History, ticket office 1 Tràng Tiền | 10:00am 3 hours | Roman FVH.CityWalks.English@gmail.com |
| Monday 15 March | Discover Hanoi City Walk: French Concession Japanese | In front of statue of Lý Thái Tổ, in the park at corner of Đinh Tiên Hoàng and Lê Lai streets | 9:30am 2 hours | herijapan@yahoo.co.jp |
| Mardi 16 March | Discover Hanoi City Walk: Visite du quartier de Ngũ Xã Français | Devant la pagode Thần Quang 44 rue Ngũ Xã | 9:00h 3 heures | Genevieve Prady sautierprady@gmail.com |
| Saturday 20 March | Excursion: Phát Diệm Cathedral with famous historian Lê Văn Lân English | Daewoo Hotel 360 Kim Mã Street | 7:30am 11 hours | Barbara Barbu Barbara.barbu@gmail.com |
| Tuesday 23 March | Lecture: "Confucianism" by Catherine Day English | Thế Giới Publishers, top floor in the back 46 Trần Hưng Đạo Street | 7:00pm 1.5 hours | Martin Brennan (brennanhanoi@gmail.com) 0983-521-209 |
| Wednesday 24 March | Film: "Don't Burn" by Đặng Nhật Minh Vietnamese with English subtitles | Cinematheque 22A Hai Bà Trưng | 7:30pm | Nels Setterlund FVH.Films@gmail.com |
| Thursday 25 March | Traditional Medicine: Self massage & Facial Massage English | 80 Ngõ Núi Trúc | 9:00am 2 hours | Mihoko Yoshida fvhtramed2009@gmail.com |
| Vendredi 26 March | Discover Hanoi City Walk: Visite du temple Phú Tây Hồ Français | 41 Tô Ngọc Vân, chaque participant avec sa bicyclette | 9h30 2,5 heures | Anne-Emmanuelle Petit annem.petit@gmail.com |



Program Details

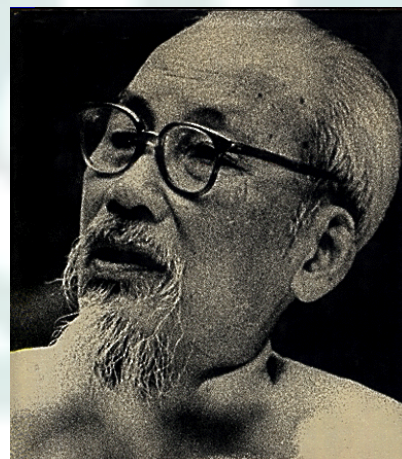
Lecture

**“Some Issues in the Life and Career of President Hồ Chí Minh”
by Prof. Đinh Xuân Lâm, Professor of History, Vietnam National University
Thursday, 4 March, 7:00pm – 8:30pm**

Hồ Chí Minh is one of the towering historical figures of the 20th century. He is, of course, revered in Vietnam as ‘Uncle Ho’. Anyone who lives in Vietnam will be fascinated by the effect that Hồ Chí Minh has had on Vietnamese society.

Prof. Đinh Xuân Lâm is one of Vietnam’s most respected historians. He has lived through and participated in many of the events which are the subject of his research and writing. He is a long term professor of Hanoi University (now Vietnam National University), and has also lectured in universities in the Netherlands, France, and Madagascar. He has published numerous books and articles.

Professor Lâm is in a unique position to give us powerful insights into the life and times of the most famous and influential Vietnamese personality, leader, and statesman, Hồ Chí Minh.



Date: Thursday 4th March 2010
Time: 7:00 – 8:30 pm
Cost: 100,000vnd
Limit: 40 people
Place: Top Floor, Thế Giới Publishers, 46 Trần Hưng Đạo Street
To Register: Contact Martin Brennan, brennanhanoi@gmail.com, 0983-521-209.
Please provide a phone number so you can be contacted in the event of any last minute changes.

VIETNAMESE with ENGLISH translation

Informal coffee for anyone interested in volunteering with FVH Tuesday, 9 March, 10:30am – 12:30pm

Come by for a cup of coffee or tea inside and on the terrace of one of our volunteers, and meet others who are helping FVH be the successful cultural/historical organization that it is. Find out about volunteering opportunities and how you too can be a part of this great group!

Time: 10:30 am – 12:30 pm
Place: The home of Roman Szlam, số 4 Đặng Dung, apartment 1002
Cost: If you’re one of the Council Members, something lovely and delicious to share with all of us
To Register: Roman, romanszlam@earthlink.net
Please leave your mobile phone number so we can contact you in case of any last minute changes.



Program Details - continued

**Discover Hanoi City Walk:
Vietnamese History Museum – pre-history / recorded history
Friday, 12 March, 10:00am – 1:00pm**



Discover the rich ancient civilization of Vietnam – ceramics, bronze, tools, burials – with Dr. Krista Knirck-Bumke. Then, take a short break in the atmospheric courtyard and learn about the important architecture of the museum and the contribution of French architects to the local atmosphere of Hanoi, before going back inside and learning about the major events that have made Vietnam the unique country it is today.

Time: 10:00am – 1:00pm

Place: Vietnam Museum of History, 1 Tràng Tiền

Cost: 70,000vnd

Limit: 12 people

To Register: Contact Roman FVH.CityWalks.English@gmail.com

Please leave your mobile phone number so we can contact you in case of any last minute changes.

ENGLISH

Program Details - continued

Discover Hanoi City Walk: French Concession Monday, 15 March, 9:30am – 11:30am



We will meet in front of the statue of Lý Thái Tổ in the park and start from there. This will be a two-hour long walking tour of Lý Thái Tổ Park, Sofitel Metropole Hotel, the Hanoi Opera House, the surrounding area, and other historical sites and places of interest.

Time: 9:30am – 11:30am
Place: In front of statue of Lý Thái Tổ
Cost: 70,000vnd
Limit: 8 people
To Register: herijapan@yahoo.co.jp

Please leave your mobile phone number so we can contact you in case of last minute changes.

JAPANESE

Discover Hanoi City Walk: Visite du quartier de Ngũ Xã, ancien village des fondeurs de bronze, et le temple Quán Thánh Mardi, 16 mars, à 9 heures

Visite de l'ancien village des fondeurs de bronze : aperçu sur les techniques du bronze ; visite de la pagode Thần Quang, qui abrite la plus grande statue de bronze d'un seul bloc du Vietnam, un Bouddha de 8 tonnes ; visite de la maison de quartier Nam Tràng, dédiée au fondateur de la ligue des fondeurs de bronze, Nguyễn Minh Không ; visite de l'atelier d'un artisan (sous réserve) et des réalisations de la fabrique Hoa Mai ; visite de la pagode Châu Long au bord du lac Trúc Bạch, et, s'il nous reste du temps, du temple taoïste Quán Thánh, dont la grande statue de Trần Vũ a été fondue dans le quartier de Ngũ Xã.

Friends of Vietnam Heritage would like to thank the Cercle des Francophones du Hanoi for kindly guiding this walk in French.

Temp: 9:00h – 12:00h

Place: Devant la pagode Thần Quang au 44 rue Ngũ Xã

Coût: 70 000vnd, reversés à l'association Friends of Vietnam Heritage

Limitée à: 8 personnes

S'inscrire: Geneviève Prady, sautierprady@gmail.com, 093 684 62 26

En s'inscrivant, merci de donner votre numéro de tel portable pour que l'on puisse vous contacter en cas de besoin.

Pour ceux et celles qui le souhaitent, possibilité de manger ensemble dans un restaurant de rue, réputé pour ses pâtes de riz.



Français

Program Details - continued

Excursion:

Phát Diệm Cathedral (Nhà thờ Phát Diệm)

Saturday, 20 March, 7:30am – 6:30pm

Travel with us and historian Professor Lê Văn Lân, to see Phát Diệm Cathedral, which is located 121km south of Hanoi and 29km southeast of Ninh Bình. Phát Diệm Cathedral is well known and was built between 1875 and 1899 in

Kim Sơn village by a Vietnamese priest named Father Phêrô Trần Lục, also known as Elder Sáu (Cụ Sáu). The site consists of a network of ponds, lakes, churches, and artificial caves. The cathedral is famous for its extraordinary architecture, a sort of Franco-Sino-Vietnamese pagoda: sloping tile roofs with up-curving dragons at the corners, wooden colonnades and carved stone reliefs. We will



be able to climb the bell tower and enjoy the view of the cathedral church, its annex buildings and the surrounding area dotted with many more churches.

We will also visit a family whose members are noted for their artistic work with rush mats and baskets. There will be items to purchase.

Please bring your own pack lunch and snacks and we will sit in the front courtyard around the reflecting pool, enjoying the quietness of village life. We will provide bottled water.

Time: 7:30am sharp, return to Hanoi around 6:30pm

Place: Hanoi Daewoo Hotel, 360 Kim Mã Street, Ba Đình district

Cost: 300,000vnd

Limit: 35 participants

Contact: Barbara Barbu, Barbara.barbu@gmail.com, 094 300 9894

Please remember to include your mobile or contact phone number, so we may contact you in case of any last minute changes.

ENGLISH

Program Details - continued

Lecture: "Confucianism" by Catherine Day Tuesday, 23 March, 7:00pm – 8:30pm



Confucianism became the ruling ideology not only in China, but also in neighbouring countries, including Vietnam. Who was Confucius, what was his philosophy and why have his teachings had such a profound influence on East Asia?

The lecture will be given by Catherine Day, who previously gave a lecture to FVH members on Chinese history. Catherine studied Chinese history and politics at university and lived and worked in China for over 12 years. She has lived in Hanoi for two years. In this lecture she will share her understanding of Confucianism in general and make reference to its influence on Vietnamese culture today.

Time: 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.
Cost: 50,000vnd
Limit: 40 people
Place: Top Floor, Thế Giới Publishers, 46 Trần Hưng Đạo
To Register: Contact Martin Brennan, brennanhanoi@gmail.com, 0983-521-209.

Please provide a phone number so you can be contacted in the event of any last minute changes.

ENGLISH

Film: "Don't Burn" by Đặng Nhật Minh Wednesday, 24 March, 7:30pm

In the spring of 2005, an old mother living in Hanoi receives a diary. The diary carries the notes of a young woman doctor who worked at a national liberation front hospital for two years starting in 1968 until her death. The diary was first discovered by a US military officer, who kept it for 35 years. The diary was then published in Vietnam and caused a sensation. The long moving journey linking Vietnam with the US is depicted through a true story adapted by Đặng Nhật Minh, one of Vietnam's top film directors.

Time: 7:30pm
Place: Cinematheque, 22A Hai Bà Trưng Street
Cost: 100,000 VND
Limit: First registered, first served
To Register: Nels Setterlund, FVH.Films@gmail.com
Please leave your mobile phone number so we can contact you in case of any last minute changes.

VIETNAMESE with ENGLISH subtitles



Program Details - continued

Traditional Medicine Self Massage & Facial Massage Thursday, 25 March, 9:00am – 11:00am

How do we care for our own facial beauty? What should we do to massage our faces for ourselves every day? If you have the same questions in your mind, traditional theory will help you find out. This Massage course is conducted by Dr. Trần Hương. Dr. Hương graduated from a French University and has spent 24 years studying both western and traditional medicine.

Time: 9:00am – 11:00am

Place: 80 Ngõ Núi Trúc
(Turn at Giang Van Minh Street - the very first lane on the left when coming from the Horizon Hotel just past Giang Vo St.).

Cost: 200.000vnd

Limit: 6 people

To Register: Contact Mihoko Yoshida, fvhtramed2009@gmail.com

Please leave your mobile phone number so we can contact you in case of any last minute changes.



ENGLISH

Discover Hanoi City Walk: Visite de le temple Phủ Tây Hồ Vendredi, 26 mars, à 9h30 – 12:00h



Visite de l'temple dédié à la Déesse Mère. Le nom de Phủ Tây Hồ première en 1573. Le savant et poète Phùng Khắc Khoan (1523-1616) et ses deux compagnons, M. Ngô et M. Lý, se promenaient par Lac de l'Ouest, attirés par la beauté du paysage. Là, ils ont rencontré la propriétaire d'une auberge de bord de route et elle les a enchantée par la lecture de poèmes merveilleux qu'elle avait composé. Lorsque Phùng Khắc Khoan renvoyé quelque temps plus tard, il trouve plus rien - même le magasin de bois de la poétesse était propriétaire avait disparu. La dame avait pourtant laissé un poème dans lequel elle s'est présentée comme étant Liễn Hạnh qui avait été autorisé par son Père céleste pour rester pendant quelque temps sur cette terre. Le temple a été construit sur ce site

pour me souvenir d'elle. Trajet jusqu'à Phủ Tây Hồ, en vélo le long du lac, visite des différents bâtiments, explications sur le culte des Déesse-Mères, retour à Tô Ngọc Vân vers 12h.

Friends of Vietnam Heritage would like to thank the Cercle des Francophones du Hanoi for kindly guiding this walk in French.

Temp: 9h30 – 12:00h

Place: 41 Tô Ngọc Vân, chaque participant avec sa bicyclette

Coût: 70 000vnd, reversés à l'association Friends of Vietnam Heritage

Limitée à: 8 personnes

S'inscrire: Anne-Emmanuelle Petit, annem.petit@gmail.com

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Français



Get Involved – Volunteer

Position: Treasurer

Main Duties:

- Attend monthly FVH Governing Council Meetings and monthly Excom meetings
- Prepare monthly Treasurer report for distribution to Council Members
- Perform monthly cash to book reconciliations to ensure records are accurate.
- Send monthly notice to Council Members to submit their finance reports
- Once a year prepare an annual Treasurer's report detailing all activities over the past year.
- Keep records of inventory and do a periodic check to ensure accurate. Be responsible for getting books etc from inventory.
- Purchase farewell gifts for departing Council members

Expected Output: Treasurer's report, Inventory report

Estimated hrs per month: 10 + hours

Further Information: For background info, contact Catherine Day: gubyday@yahoo.co.uk
To volunteer contact fvheritage@gmail.com

Position: Assistants in the Lectures Section

The Lectures Section is responsible for organizing both daytime and evening lectures on all aspects of Vietnamese history, culture and society. Martin Brennan, the current Head of the Section requires assistance from both Vietnamese and foreign volunteers.

Main Duties

- Making arrangements with lecturers to set up the date, time and subject of lectures.
- Vietnamese – English translation when meeting non-English speaking lecturers.
- Finding and arranging suitable venues and equipment
- Sending reminders to all who sign up for a lecture.
- Attending the lectures
- Checking attendees and collecting money at the lectures.
- Submitting information for the FVH newsletter and calendar

Assistants should also be willing to attend the monthly FVH Governing Council Meeting.

Expected Output: The position is very suitable for people new to FVH who are keen to learn about the organization and contribute to an understanding of Vietnamese heritage.

Estimated hrs per month: 5

Further Information Email: fvheritage@gmail.com



Get Involved – Volunteer

Position: Head of Buddhism Section

Main Duties

- Contact teachers to set up date, time and subject of lecture or demonstration
- Presently 3 lectures are held – 'Morning Mindfulness Meditation,' 'Introduction to Mindfulness Meditation' and 'Evening Mindfulness Meditation'
- Submit information for the newsletter and calendar
- Send reminder to all who sign up for the activity
- Attend lecture or demonstration
- Check attendees and collect money for activity
- Submit monthly section report and financial report for activity
- Attend monthly council meeting

Expected Output: Try for one activity each month if possible

Estimated hrs per month: 5

Further Information Email fvheritage@gmail.com

Position: Keeper of the FVH Calendar / Publisher of the Monthly Newsletter

Main Duties

- On or about the 10th of each month, send out reminders to all section heads to turn in activity templates
- Collect and compile all templates by the 15th of the month and forward to Lotus News.
- Make sure all section heads input their activities into their respective calendars.
- Edit each calendar entry, especially making sure the Google Map feature works correctly.
- Toward the end of the month, collect all remaining templates and compile into newsletter.
- Send newsletter for editing.
- Make corrections/revisions to newsletter.
- Send newsletter out for distribution.

Requirements

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- Native English writing ability.
- Some knowledge of the Vietnamese language.
- Good word processing skills
- Ability to use the internet, e-mail systems, and to send attachments.

Expected Output: Collected templates for Lotus News, correct calendar entries, monthly newsletter

Estimated hrs per month: 10

Further Information Email fvheritage@gmail.com



Get Involved – Volunteer

Position: Walk Guide

Main Duties

- Read the current information about the walk.
- Add any further information depending on current changes in the area.
- Conduct the walk.

Requirements

- Fluency in English
- Public speaking skills

Expected Output: 1 walk every month or two

Estimated hrs per month: 3

Further Information Email fvh.citywalks.english@gmail.com

Museum Spotlight

The National Museum of Vietnamese History (*Bảo tàng Lịch sử*)

1 Tràng Tiền

Tel: (84-4) 3824 1384/ 3825 7753, e-mail: banbientap@nmvnh.org.vn
www.baotanglichsu.vn

**Bus Routes**

in the vicinity: 2, 3, 4, 9, 11, 23, 34, 36, 40, 45

Hours:

8:00am - 4:30pm daily

Guided tours

available on request

Guide Contact:

Mrs. Nguyen Thu Hoan. Deputy of Exhibition and Education Department

Tel. 84-4. 824 1384 Cellphone: +84.945368086

Email: tuyentruyenbt@baotanglichsu.vn

Ticket Price:

Adult: 20,000vnd

Student: 1,000vnd

Child: 2,000vnd

Photo/Video Charges:

1. Video:
800,000vnd per day if showcases are opened
400,000vnd per day if showcases are not opened
2. Taking photographs for research
20,000-600,000vnd per day (depending on needs)
3. Personal camera and video
Video: 30,000vnd
Camera: 15,000vnd

Museum Spotlight – continued

Vietnam Museum of Ethnology (*Bảo tàng Dân tộc học Việt Nam*)

Huyền Văn Huyền

Tel: (84-4) 3756 2193, e-mail: vme18@vme.org.vn
<http://www.vme.org.vn>



Bus Routes

in the vicinity: 7, 14, 27, 28, 30, 38, 45

Hours: 8:30am to 5:30pm daily except Mondays

Ticket Price:

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| Regular Admission: | 25,000vnd |
| Reduced Admission: | 5,000vnd for children and students |
| Free Admission: | Children under 6 years of age and People of Vietnam ethnic Minorities |
| Tours in Vietnamese: | 30,000vnd |
| in French and English: | 50,000vnd |

WATER PUPPET PERFORMANCES: NOW EVERY SATURDAY AND SUNDAY:

Time: 10am, 11:30am, 2:30pm, 4:00pm

Admission: 20,000vnd for adults, 10,000vnd for children, children under 6 are free

This fee is in addition to the regular museum entrance fee. All fees for the performance go directly to the puppet troupe. You can also talk to the artisans about traditional puppetry in Vietnam after the performance. The performance is held in the outdoor exhibition space. It is also possible to organize a special performance for parties or special events.

Museum Spotlight – continued

Vietnam Museum of Fine Arts (*Bảo Tàng Mỹ Thuật*)

66 Nguyễn Thái Học

Tel: (84-4) 3823-3084

<http://vnfineartsmuseum.org.vn/English/gioithieu.asp#>



Bus Routes

in the vicinity: 2, 18, 23, 25, 27, 32, 34, 38, 39, 41, 45, 50

Hours:

8:30am – 5:00pm daily

Ticket Price:

Adult: 20,000vnd

Students and children under 12 years old: 7.000vnd

The Vietnam Museum of Fine Arts has an excellent collection of the following:

1. Fine arts in the early historic times, Pre - 11th century
2. Religious art
3. Fine arts from 11th to 19th century
4. Paintings and Sculptures from the 20th century
5. Lacquer Paintings
6. Paintings on silk
7. Applied decorative arts
8. Vietnamese ceramics 11-20th century

Museum Spotlight – continued

The Vietnamese Women's Museum (*Bảo tàng Phụ nữ*)

36 Lý Thường Kiệt

Tel: (84-4) 3825-9936

<http://www.thingsasian.com/stories-photos/1106> (not the official web site)



**Bus Routes
in the vicinity:**

Any bus that runs on Lê Duẩn, Hai Bà Trưng, or Trần Hưng Đạo

Hours:

8:00am to 11:30am and 1:30pm to 4:00pm daily

"Today's generation of women has lost touch with our traditions and cultural history," says director Dang Thi To Ngan. "We want the museum to be like an academy, with exhibits and events about minority women, a research library and space for conferences on women's issues."

Nestled in a leafy courtyard, the Women's Museum is an eye-catching green structure with a grand entryway that seems fitting for the first national museum of this type in Vietnam.

Exhibitions:

"Memory of Time"

About activities, materials, and moral life, daily tools of Vietnamese soldiers in the American War. The display room is located on the first floor, to the left side of front gate.

"Peddled Wares"

The latter is on the third floor. It's about the peddled wares, typical feature of Vietnam.



FVH Publications

FVH produces a number of publications. All publications are **60,000vnd**. If you would like to purchase any of these books just contact any FVH Governing Council member or contact Catherine Day at FVH.Books@gmail.com. Also, look for books to be sold at all FVH events.

1. Bạch Mã Temple Guidebook (White Horse Temple)

Learn about King Lý Thái Tổ's dream and why this temple honors the White Horse Deity and find detailed information on the history of Bạch Mã Temple on Hàng Buồm Street, including temple layout, translation of panels written in Chinese characters, as well as information about the symbolism used in the temple. The guided walk contained at the end of this guidebook provides an opportunity to explore and experience some of the same streets where the craft guilds and merchants setup within the third enclosure of the citadel.

Published 2001

2. Quán Thánh Temple Guidebook

This publication details the legends of Huyền Thiên Trấn Vũ, also known as the 'genie who guards the Dark Heaven'. This guidebook contains detailed information on the history of Quán Thánh Temple, as well as translations of the many parallel sentences and poems on the walls and columns of this magnificent Taoist Temple. A walking tour of the bronze-casting village of Ngũ Xã, with its Chùa and Đình and the enjoyable atmosphere around Trúc Bạch Lake is included.

Published 2002, reprinted 2008

3. Trấn Quốc Pagoda Guidebook

The Trấn Quốc Pagoda on Thanh Niên Road was founded some 1400 years ago, and it is one of the most ancient Buddhist pagodas in Hanoi. Nestled between West Lake and Trúc Bạch Lake, the pagoda is considered a magnificent symbol of Buddhism in Vietnam, and is one of the most visited sites in the capital. This guidebook covers the history of Buddhism, the temple layout, and describes in detail the different areas of the pagoda. A fascinating publication, which includes especially commissioned drawings and photographs.

Published 2003, reprinted 2006

4. Phủ Tây Hồ Guidebook (West Lake Palace)

Have you ever wondered who these doll-like statues in glass cabinets, in blue, white, red or green attire may be? Phủ Tây Hồ at the far end of the Tây Hồ peninsula is the most impressive pagoda dedicated to the cult of the Mother goddesses in Hanoi, an indigenous cult that seems to permeate the lives of all Vietnamese women in varying degrees. The guidebook describes in detail the complex itself, then discusses the religion of the Mother goddesses, including its philosophy, pantheon and rituals.

Published 2004

5. Lãn Ông Street Guidebook (Traditional Medicine Street)

Traditional medicine is very much alive on this particular street of the Old Quarter. This guidebook not only describes the area in its historical context and current set-up, but also offers information on a variety of Vietnamese herbal teas for the health conscious as well as a comprehensive pictorial of Lãn Ông Street.

Published 2005, reprinted 2005

6. Bát Tràng Traditional Pottery Village: A Self-Guided Walk.

This guidebook focuses on the old section of the pottery commune of Bát Tràng, a village with a long history hitherto unknown to many outsiders. The guidebook is based on a self-guided walk. There are three different circuits lasting from 45 minutes to 2 hours, all shown on a map.

Published 2006, reprinted 2009



FVH Publications - continued

7. Hoàn Kiếm Lake, its Legends and Temples: A Self-Guided Walk.

The area around Hồ Hoàn Kiếm represents the physical heart and spiritual soul of Hanoi.

Continuing the tradition of Friends of Vietnam Heritage to promote the understanding of Viet Nam's history and culture, this guidebook focuses on the history and legends, the temples and pagodas surrounding the lake. Also included is information on the large Báo Ân Pagoda complex, which was razed between 1886-1889 and left only the Hòa Phong tower still standing today. **Published 2007**

8. Vignettes of French Culture in Hanoi

This guidebook provides an insight and appreciation of the influence on Hanoi of the French colonial period from 1873 until 1954. The three guided walks contained in this guidebook provide an opportunity for the reader to explore and experience some aspects of what the people of Hanoi have absorbed and made their own as a result of eighty years of French presence in their city.

Published 2008.

9. Hồ Tây – Walks Around West Lake

Hồ Tây continues to inspire writers, artists and photographers with its beauty, history, culture and religious aspects but it also provides for its local residents a source of fish, water and a rich soil to cultivate a variety of plants and vegetables. This guidebook covers the legends of the lake, as well as its history and future plans for this rapidly expanding part of Hanoi. Included are 5 self-guided walks identifying those places of interest both old and new, around the entire West Lake shore.

New publication 2009

FVH Resource Centre

**Hanoi Library, Thư viện Hà Nội, 2nd floor
47 Bà Triệu**

The FVH Resource Centre from is now in the new Hanoi Library, Thư viện Hà Nội. This newly built library is located on the corner of Trần Hưng Đạo and Bà Triệu streets at 47, Bà Triệu. The Friends of Vietnam Heritage collection includes books and journals that focus on Vietnamese art, history and culture will soon be housed in the Resource section on the 2nd floor of the library.

You need to get a Readers Card by going to the Library and filling in a simple form and attaching one photograph. It costs 20,000vnd. After becoming a member, you just show your card when you go in.

If you are interested in donating books to the Centre, please contact FVH at fvheritage@gmail.com and we can arrange to meet you.



The Last Page

FVH WEBSITE: <http://www.fvheritage.org>

Bookmark the Friends of Vietnam Heritage website where you will find the monthly program and further information about FVH, including photo page and links.

FVH EMAIL: fvheritage@gmail.com

Address all correspondence to the Friends of Vietnam Heritage Email address:

PROGRAM: To receive our free program, please send an email to: fvheritage@gmail.com.

PARTICIPATION in our programs is open to all. All FVH programs and events are in English or translated into English.

VOLUNTEERING: If you are interested in volunteering to serve on the FVH Governing Council or one of its Sections, please send an e-mail to fvheritage@gmail.com. See our web site, <http://www.fvheritage.org>, for currently open volunteer positions under "Get Involved". FVH does not have an office, all volunteers work from home.

COUNCIL MEETINGS: The FVH Council usually meets every first Tuesday of the month at the Fine Arts Museum. However, there are times the date changes. Everyone who receives this Program is welcome to attend the monthly meetings as an observer. If you are interested in attending, please send an e-mail to fvheritage@gmail.com to verify date and time.

Friends of Vietnam Heritage is a non-formal group of mainly Hanoi residents from many countries, including Vietnam. FVH's purpose is to enjoy, enhance and deepen the understanding of Vietnam's cultural and historical heritage and thereby help with its preservation. There is no membership fee to join.

The Executive Committee consists of the following persons: John Reilly (Chair), Martin Brennan (Vice-Chair), Catherine Day (Treasurer) and Tran Xuan Quy. (Secretary)

Student Invitation

FVH would like to invite Vietnamese students to join any of our events for one-half of the activity cost. Please contact the event coordinator to reserve a place (subject to availability, as determined by the coordinator). Students are required to present their current student identification card.

Please Note: off the record and disclaimer

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