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In the third quarter of 2018-19, Consulate organized a number of cultural and business activities. Consulate was actively engaged with the participation of Indian companies in many trade shows held in Ho Chi Minh City, including holding B2B meetings for the visiting trade delegations.

On the cultural front, several events were organized including celebration of Gandhi Jayanti on 2nd October; holding of a conference on Indian Heritage in Vietnamese Culture in the context of Gandhi@150; National Unity Day; wellness event; ITEC Day and opening of India Corner etc. Besides, Consulate actively supported the celebration of Durgotsav and Diwali organized by Indian community and Indian Business Chamber in Vietnam.

Consul General, Dr. K. Srikar Reddy, was the keynote speaker at the International Conference on Green Technologies and Sustainable Development (GTSD 2018) organized by the HCMC University of Technology and Education in November 2018.

In the month of December 2018, Consulate organized the visit of the 18-member official delegation from Kien Giang province to India. Besides, Consulate received CII Business delegation and organized a number of meetings and factory visits for them. Consul General also visited Mangrove Bio-diverse Forest Reserve in Can Gio District of HCMC on 24 December 2018.

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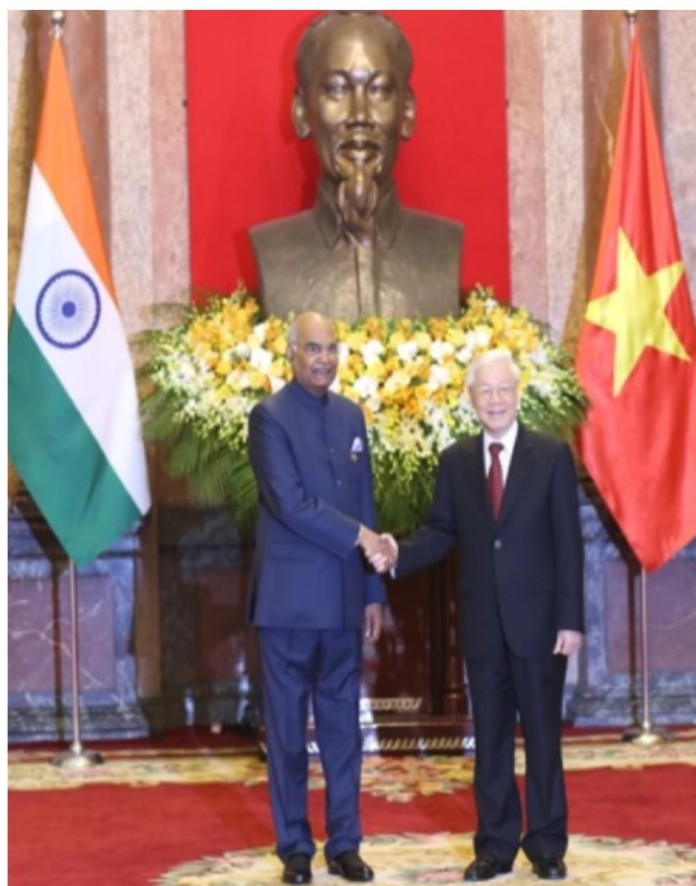
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CONSULATE IN NEWS



President of India, Shri Ram Nath Kovind was on State Visit to Vietnam from 18-20 November 2018. President along with his accompanying delegation first visited Da Nang on 18 November and saw Cham Museum and world Heritage site of My Son. On 19-20 Nov., 2018, President visited Hanoi where he met President, Prime Minister and the National Assembly Chairperson of Vietnam. President laid wreaths at the Monument of National Heroes and Martyrs and at the Ho Chi Minh Mausoleum. In Hanoi, he also addressed the National Assembly of Vietnam; India-Vietnam Business Forum and the members of Indian community. Four MoUs were signed during the visit one of which was on cooperation between Vietnam's Department of Foreign Affairs and the Indian Business Chamber in Vietnam (INCHAM).



The Chief of Army Staff (COAS) General Bipin Rawat accompanied by his spouse and a 2-member official delegation visited Ho Chi Minh City on 24-25 Nov. 2018 as part of his official visit to Vietnam (22-25 Nov. 2018) to enhance the bilateral defence cooperation. COAS also visited Cu Chi Tunnels, Independence Palace and War Remnants Museum in HCMC.



An 18-member official delegation from Kien Giang Province in Southern Vietnam led by Mr. Pham Vu Hong, Chairman of People's Committee of Kien Giang Province visited India from 16-20 December 2018 to explore opportunities for cooperation in the areas of trade, investment, tourism, IT, education and training. The Consulate arranged the programme for the delegation in Vijayawada and Hyderabad with the assistance of Branch Secretariat, Hyderabad; Marine Products Exports Development Authority of India (MPEDA) and National Fisheries Development Board (NFDB).



The delegation also met with the Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu on 19 December 2018.



VISIT OF OFFICIAL DELEGATION OF KIEN GIANG PROVINCE TO INDIA 16 – 20 DECEMBER 2018



13 Indian companies participated in the 18th Vietnam International Plastics and Rubber Industry Exhibition held in HCMC from 4-7 October with 500+ participants from 14 countries. Consul General of India Dr. K. Srikar Reddy (CG) was one of the chief guests at the opening ceremony of the Exhibition and interacted with the Indian exhibitors.



6 Indian companies participated in Metalex Vietnam 2018 held in HCMC from 11-13 October 2018. CG visited the fair and interacted with the Indian exhibitors.



Vietstock, Vietnam's Premier International Feed, Livestock & Meat Industry Show was held in HCMC from 17-19 October, 2018. Three Indian companies participated in the Show. CG visited the fair and interacted with the Indian exhibitors



CG participated in the launching event of the 8th International Exhibition & Conference on Pulp and Paper Industry in Vietnam held in Ho Chi Minh City on 20 December 2018. Paper Vietnam 2019 will be held in HCMC from 26-28 June 2019.

ECONOMIC AND COMMERCIAL

A two member business delegation from Krishnapatnam Port Company Limited, Navayuga Group visited Ho Chi Minh City from 26-27 October, 2018 to gain first-hand knowledge on the modern agricultural practices of Vietnam. Ambassador of India to Vietnam Shri P. Harish, led the delegation to the Southern Fruits Research Institute (SOFRI); Cat Tuong Agricultural Processing and Production Co. Ltd. and Agricultural Hi-Tech Park Ho Chi Minh City.



Ambassador Shri P. Harish visited SOFRI and met with Director General



Ambassador, delegation from Krishnapatnam Port Company Limited and SOFRI's officials



Visiting SOFRI's Dragon Fruit Experiment Garden



Visiting Cat Tuong Agricultural Processing and Production Co. Ltd, My Tho City



Consulate organized a B2B event on 23 November in HCMC to promote India-Vietnam textile cooperation. TEXPROCIL led participation of 9 Indian companies in the 18th Vietnam International Textile and garment Industry Exhibition (VTG). Another 7 Indian companies participated in the concurrently held 8th Asia International Dy Industry, Pigments and Textile Chemicals Exhibition (InterDye Asia 2018).



CII Business delegation to Vietnam, from 19 -20 December 2018



A delegation from Confederation of Indian Industry, Tiruppur (CII), visited HCM City on 19-20 December 2018, to scope for investment opportunities and meet Vietnamese businesses. On 19 December, the Consulate General of India, HCM City organized a business interaction at Rex hotel, which was attended by representatives of Vietnamese textile organizations; AGTEK, VCOSA, VINATEX, the Indian Business Chamber in Vietnam (INCHAM) and the Vietnam Chamber of Commerce and Industry (VCCI). The business interaction was addressed by the Consul General Dr. K Srikar Reddy; Mr. Pham Xuan Hong, Chairman, AGTEK; Mr. T. Nallamuthu, Chairman, CII Karur chapter; and Mr. Dilbagh Singh, Chairman, INCHAM.



Consulate celebrated the commencement of the 150th Birth Anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi and International Day of Non-Violence on 2nd October, 2018 at the premises of the Ho Chi Minh City Labour Confederation. On this occasion, Consul General also released the Gujarati Bhajan, 'Vaishnav Jana To Tene Kahiye', sung by famous Vietnamese Singer Ms. Pham Phi Nhung.

Indian community in HCMC celebrated Durgotsav 2018 from 15-19 Oct. 2018 at Sri Thendayuthapani Temple (STT) and Mariamman Hindu temple of HCMC. Consul General attended the opening ceremony of the Durgotsav in Sri Thendayuthapani on 15th October and the closing ceremony in the Mariamman temple on 19th October, 2018. Ambassador Shri P. Harish also visited the Durgotsav at STT on 16 October.





Consulate celebrated the National Unity Day of India on 31st October, 2018 by organizing an event at the Consulate's premises to commemorate the 143rd Birth Anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel. More than 50 members of Indian community attended the event. A documentary on the life of Sardar Patel was also shown to the audience.



Celebration of Diwali Fest 2018



The Indian Business Chamber in Vietnam (INCHAM) with the active support of the Consulate organized Diwali Festival 2018 on November 3, 2018 in Ho Chi Minh City. The event was attended by close to 1000 people including number of local dignitaries. In his opening remarks, Consul General conveyed his Diwali greetings to the Indian community and commended them for their role in promoting the commercial and cultural relations between India and Vietnam.



Consulate organized a wellness event in collaboration with Art of Living Foundation in HCMC on 14 November, 2018 at the Consulate's premises. The Wellness event included a 2 hour session on three fundamental concepts of Indian philosophy of health i.e. Ayurveda, Yoga and Meditation.



The Consulate in collaboration with the University of Social Sciences and Humanities (USSH), Ho Chi Minh City Union of Friendship Organizations (HUFO) and the Management Board of Mariamman Hindu Temple in Ho Chi Minh City organized a Conference on 30 Nov. 2018 on the theme of Indian Heritage in Vietnamese Culture in the context of the celebration of 150th Birth Anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi. More than 100 participants attended the Conference.



The Consulate celebrated the Indian Technical and Economic Cooperation (ITEC) Day 2018 on 27 December 2018 at the Ho Chi Minh City University of Technology and Education (HCMCUTE). In his speech, Consul General Dr. K. Srikar Reddy highlighted the civilisational linkages between India and Vietnam and India's support to Vietnam in capacity building. Prof. Van Dung, President, HCMC UTE and Ho Thi Trinh Anh, Vice Chairwoman, VIFA thanked the Government of India while acknowledging that ITEC programme has certainly contributed to the research and human resource development of various universities and Government institutions in Vietnam.

The ITEC Day event was followed by the opening of an India Corner in the library of the HCMC UTE. This is the 5th India Corner opened in Ho Chi Minh City alone. This brings the total number of India Corners in Southern Vietnam to eight.



Consulate participated in the HCMC Consular Club Charity Bazaar 2018 held on 3rd November 2018 and contributed VND 31,217,000/- for charity. Consulate organized an Indian classical dance, Bharatnatyam, performed by Ms. Sagarika Mangal.



Consul General of India Dr. K. Srikar Reddy was a key note speaker at the 4th International Conference on Green Technology and Sustainable Development (GTSD2018), organized by the Ho Chi Minh City University of Technology and Education on Nov. 23-24, 2018.



At the invitation of Dr. Huynh Thanh Lap, Chairman, Vietnam India friendship association (VIFA), CG visited the Can Gio Mangrove Biosphere Reserve (CGMBR) in Can Gio District (CGD) of Ho Chi Minh City on 24 December 2018. CGMBR has been recognized by UNESCO as the first bio-diverse reserve in Vietnam in 2001.

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Indian firms seek business opportunities in VN

HCM CITY — India is strong in fibre and yarn production and Việt Nam is dependent on import of feedstock for its textile industry, and so they could both benefit by co-operation, a business interaction event heard in HCM City on Wednesday.

K Srikar Reddy, the Indian consul general in HCM City, said Việt Nam and India are among the top five exporters of textiles and clothing and their interests converge.

Vietnamese textile exports topped US\$31 billion last year but it also imported \$19 billion worth of inputs, especially yarn and fabric, he said.

In the year until March 2018, India's exports were worth \$36.73 billion.

Under the India-ASEAN Free Trade Agreement, most types of yarns and woven and knit fabric could be imported duty-free from India starting next month.

Dilbagh Singh, chairman of the Indian Business Chamber in Việt Nam, said India has a strong fibre and yarn industry that produces almost all kinds of fabric and supporting materials, making it one of the three largest textile products providers in the world.

"Promotion of co-operation in the garment and textile sector between Việt Nam and India will pave the way for enterprises on both sides to optimise their strengths and advantages. Việt Nam will benefit from more materials, technology and equipment for production, while India

can expand its market."

Phạm Xuân Hồng, chairman of the HCM City Association of Garment Textile Embroidery-Knitting, said Việt Nam is an ideal destination for investors in view of its competitive labour costs and incentives to the textile and garment sector.

"Việt Nam offers opportunities to Indian companies to set up textile and garment production units to benefit from the competitive advantages of the country's FTAs and labour force."

There is also opportunity to supply yarn, textiles and machinery to Vietnamese industry and upskill its labour force, he said.

Organised by the India consulate, the event attracted the participation of a 15-member del-



Representatives of Indian and Vietnamese firms exchange information at a business interaction event in HCM City on Wednesday. — Photo Courtesy of the organiser.

egation from the Confederation of Indian Industry, Tiruppur, visiting Việt Nam to explore investment opportunities.

The CII delegates also visited Vietnamese textile companies in Cần Thơ and Đồng Nai and discussed investment opportunities. — VNS

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VN, India eye textile co-operation

HCM CITY — Trade between India and Việt Nam in textiles has grown significantly, but there is still huge untapped potential, the Indian consul general in the city has said.

In his opening remarks at a business interaction event titled "Textiles: India-Viet Nam Co-operation", K Srikar Reddy said Việt Nam was among the top five textile and clothing exporting countries along with India.

Its exports exceeded US\$31 billion last year, a year-on-year growth of 10.23 per cent.

According to Indian government figures, during the 2017-18 fiscal year, India's textile and clothing exports were worth around \$36.7 billion. Its exports to Việt Nam grew by 42 per cent to \$555 million.

"Bilateral trade in textiles has registered impressive growth during the last two years. However, there is still a lot of potential for trade in the area of textiles between our countries," Reddy said.

Việt Nam had to import a lot of raw materials and was looking to diversify its sourcing of raw materials for garments such as cotton, yarn, made-ups, and fabric, he said.

India was one of the suppliers of high-quality materials, fabric and machinery at competitive prices globally, he said.

Also, under the India-ASEAN FTA, most types of cotton yarns, woven cotton



Workers at the central Quảng Trị Province-based Hòa Thọ Đông Hà Garment Co make garment products for exports. — VNA/VNS Photo Thanh Thủy

fabrics and cotton knit fabric could be imported duty free from India from January 1 next year, he said.

"Therefore, India can become a reliable partner for Việt Nam in supplying cotton, yarn and fabrics."

Nguyễn Hồng Giang of the Việt Nam Cotton and Spinning Association (VCOSA) said there was plenty of opportunity for co-operation in yarn, cotton and fabrics between businesses in the two countries.

"Indian companies are strong in making cotton fabrics and textiles. From the perspective of the Việt Nam Cotton and Spinning Association, we welcome investment from India in fabric making."

When investing in Việt Nam, Indian firms would get tax breaks from FTAs that Việt Nam has signed or

would sign, he said.

"You buy more yarn from Việt Nam and we will buy more cotton fabric from you. That is a win-win situation."

Reddy said: "Many Indian companies have already invested in Việt Nam in the textile and garment sector. I would also like Vietnamese companies to explore the gigantic market of 1.3 billion people in India by investing in production of yarn, fabric, readymade garments, and others in India."

The Indian Government allows 100 per cent foreign direct investment under the automatic route in many sectors, including textiles, he said.

Shailesh Martis of the Cotton Textiles Export Promotion Council gave a detailed presentation on the

Indian textiles sector and invited Vietnamese companies to attend IND-TEXPO 2019, a textile exhibition showcasing the entire range of textile products, to be held from January 27 to 29 next year at Coimbatore, India.

Importers and buyers from Việt Nam who are interested in sourcing from India can benefit from a subsidised scheme for hotel stay and travel by visiting the show in India, he said.

Organised by the Indian consulate in HCM City in co-ordination with VCOSA, the event attracted nine Indian companies who also participated in the 18th Việt Nam International Textile and Garment Industry Exhibition in HCM City from November 21 to 24 besides local firms. — VNS

Kỷ niệm 150 năm ngày sinh của Mahatma Gandhi

03/10/2018

Ngày 2/10, Tổng Lãnh sự quán Ấn Độ tại TP. Hồ Chí Minh đã tổ chức lễ kỷ niệm 150 năm ngày sinh của Mahatma Gandhi - vị anh hùng dân tộc của đất nước Ấn Độ.

70 năm sau khi ông qua đời, ông vẫn là nguồn cảm hứng cho không chỉ riêng người Ấn Độ, mà còn rất nhiều người khác nhau. Trên thế giới, sự kháng cự không bạo lực đang được sử dụng để chấm dứt sự đàn áp, bất công và sự xâm phạm các quyền con người cơ bản. Mahatma Gandhi đã truyền cảm hứng cho các nhà lãnh đạo như Nelson Mandela của Nam Phi, Aung San Su Kyi của Myanmar, Martin Luther King Jr. và Tổng thống Barack Obama của Hoa Kỳ, và nhiều người khác. Albert Einstein đã từng nói về Gandhi, "các thể hệ sau có lẽ sẽ thấy khó tin khi biết rằng một cá nhân như vậy đã từng thực sự tồn tại trên trái đất này."



Lời sống của ông Mahatma Gandhi cũng đã truyền cảm hứng cho Chủ tịch Hồ Chí Minh, và trong chuyến thăm Ấn Độ năm 1958, Chủ tịch đã nói: "Tôi và những người khác có thể là những người cách mạng, nhưng chúng tôi đều là môn đồ của Mahatma Gandhi, dù trực tiếp hay gián tiếp, nhiều hơn hay ít hơn".

Mahatma Gandhi đã nói, "Bất bạo động là vũ khí mạnh nhất trong tất cả những loại vũ khí loài người có thể tạo ra. Nó mạnh hơn cả vũ khí hủy diệt mạnh nhất được tạo ra bởi sự khờ dại của con người".

Năm 2007, khoảng 140 quốc gia trong đó có Việt Nam, đã đồng tài trợ cho nghị quyết của Liên hợp quốc tuyên bố ngày 2/10 - ngày sinh của Mahatma Gandhi, là Ngày Quốc tế Bất bạo động.

Phát biểu tại sự kiện, ông K. Srikar Reddy - Tổng lãnh sự Ấn Độ cho biết, ngày 2/10 được kỷ niệm như là "Ngày Quốc tế Bất bạo động", để tái khẳng định cam kết của chúng ta với các giá trị vĩnh cửu của sự thật, bất bạo động, hòa bình, khoan dung và hiểu biết.

Triết lý của Gandhi cho rằng, "vật chất trên trái đất này là do cho nhu cầu của con người, nhưng không đủ cho lòng tham của mọi người" hướng chúng ta đến một con đường phát triển bền vững, hài hòa với thiên nhiên, tránh khai thác quá mức. Mahatma Gandhi là một trong những nhà lãnh đạo toàn cầu đầu tiên nói về phát triển bền vững. Ông cũng đã nói rằng, "trái đất này, bầu không khí này, đất đai này và nguồn nước này không phải là của thừa kế từ tổ tiên của chúng ta, mà là vật vay mượn từ con em của chúng ta. Do đó, chúng ta phải trao lại chúng trong tình trạng ít nhất là được như khi chúng ta nhận chúng."