

KEY FACTS AND FIGURES ON VIET NAM / UNESCO COOPERATION

1. **Membership in UNESCO:** since 3 July 1951
2. **Membership of the Executive Board:** Not currently (last term: 2009-2013)
3. **Membership on Intergovernmental Committees, Commissions, etc.:**
 - Intergovernmental Committee on World Heritage (term expires in 2017)
 - Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission
 - Intergovernmental Committee for the Protection and Promotion of the Diversity of Cultural Expressions (term expires in 2015)
 - Governing board of the UNESCO International Centre for Technical and Vocational Education and Training
4. **The Director-General's visits to Viet Nam: 2**
 - 20-23 June 2013: official visit to participate in *the Heritage Journey Festival* in Quang Nam Province
 - 1-3 October 2010: official visit on the occasion of the Millennial Anniversary of Thang Long-Hanoi
5. **Permanent Delegation to UNESCO:**
 - H.E. Mr LE Hong Phan, Ambassador, Permanent Delegate (since September 2014)
 - Staff: Mr THAI Quang Nam, Alternate Counsellor and Mrs NGUYEN Thi Thanh Binh, Third Secretary
 - Previous Permanent Delegates: H.E. Mr Duong Van Quang (April 2011 – July 2014); H.E. Mr VAN Nghia Dung (2004-2011); H.E. Mr VU Duc Tam (2004-2007); H.E. Mr PHAM Sanh Chau (2000-2003)
6. **UNESCO Office in Hanoi.**
 - Date of establishment: 1999
 - Head of Office: Mrs Katherine Muller-Marin (Costa Rica), since 21 September 2009
7. **National Commission of Viet Nam for UNESCO:**
 - Date of establishment: June 1977
 - President: H.E. Mr Le Hoai Trung (since Nov 2014)
 - Secretary-General: Mr Pham Sanh Chau (since Jan 2015)
8. **Personalities linked to UNESCO's activities:**
 - Ms Kim Phuc Phan (now a Canadian citizen), Goodwill Ambassador
9. **UNESCO Chairs: 2**
 - UNESCO - Cousteau Ecotechnie Chair in Environmental Education, Vietnam National University, Hanoi (1995)
 - UNESCO-MHI Chair in Engineering of Automation of Thermal Power Plants and Environmental Protection Equipment, The Hanoi University of Technology, Hanoi (1997)

Network:

Réseau UNITWIN sur le renforcement des capacités d'expertise sous-régionales en biodiversité végétale établi en 2011 à l'Université des Sciences Naturelles de Hanoi, l'Université des Sciences Naturelles de Ho Chi Minh Ville, l'Université Nationale du Laos, l'Université Royale de Phnom Penh.

10. Associated Schools: 23 (4 nursery and pre-schools, 9 primary, 9 secondary and 1 teacher/training). Viet Nam joined the ASP Network in 1995.

11. Category 2 Institutes and centres: none

12. World Heritage Sites: 8

Cultural sites:

- Central Sector of the Imperial Citadel of Thang Long - Hanoi (2010)
- Hoi An Ancient Town (1999)
- My Son Sanctuary (1999)
- Complex of Huế Monuments (1993)
- Citadel of the Ho Dynasty (2011)

Natural sites:

- Phong Nha-Ke Bang National Park (2003)
- Ha Long Bay (1994)

Mixed sites:

- Trang-An Landscape Complex (2014)

13. Tentative List: 7 properties

- Huong Son Complex of Natural Beauty and Historical Monuments (1991)
- Ba Be Lake (1997)
- The Area of Old Carved Stone in Sapa (1997)
- Cat Tien National Park (2006)
- Con Moong Cave (2006)
- Cat Ba Archipelago (2011)

14. Intangible Heritage List: 9 inscriptions on the Representative List

- Ví and Giặm folk songs of Nghệ Tĩnh (2014)
- Art of Đờn ca tài tử music and song in southern Viet Nam (2013)
- Worship of Hùng Kings (2012)
- Xoan singing of Phú Thọ Province, Viet Nam (2011)
- Gióng festival of Phù Đông and Sóc temples (2010)
- Ca trù singing (2009)
- Quan Họ Bắc Ninh folk songs (2009)
- Nhã Nhạc, Vietnamese Court Music (2008) (originally inscribed as a Masterpiece of Oral and Intangible Heritage (2005)
- The Space of Gong Culture (2008); (originally inscribed as a Masterpiece of Oral and Intangible Heritage in 2005)

15. Biosphere Reserves: 9

- Can Gio Mangrove (2000)
- Cat Tien (2001), Extension (2011)
- Cat Ba (2004); adjacent to Halong Bay World Heritage site
- Red River Delta (2004)
- Kien Giang (2006)
- Western Nghe An (2007)
- Cu lao Cham – Hoi An (2009)
- Mui Ca Mau (2009)
- Langbiang (2015)

16. Memory of the World Register: 2 inscriptions

- Stone Stele Records of Royal Examinations of the Le and Mac Dynasties (1442-1779) (2011)
- Woodblocks of Nguyen Dynasty (2009)

17. Creative Cities Network: no appointments

18. Legal instruments: 11 ratified and 28 non-ratified

19. Anniversaries with which UNESCO is associated in 2014-2015: 1

- 250th anniversary of the birth of Nguyen Du, poet (1765-1820)

20. Participation Programme:

- 2014-2015: 3 projects submitted, for a total amount of US\$ 61,300
- 2012-2013: 4 projects approved, for a total amount of US\$ 80,000
- 2010-2011: 6 projects approved, for a total amount of US\$ 135,000

21. Fellowships: 3 fellowships awarded since 2010, for a total amount of US\$ 47,562.

22. Voluntary contributions to UNESCO :

Voluntary Contributions to UNESCO Extra-Budgetary Activities and Institutes			
(Expressed in US Dollars)			
COUNTRY	Jan-Jun 2015	2014	2013
VIET NAM	-	62,742	2,742

23. Payment of assessed membership fees for 2014-2015:

(Assessment rate: 0.042%; contributions assessed for 2014-2015: US\$ 274,260)

24. Representation within the Secretariat: under-represented

2 professional staff in geographical posts (min.3 - max.4):