



Ambassador of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam

Canberra, 6 June 2014

To: **Mr Kim Sampson**
President of Australia-Viet Nam Friendship Society

Dear Mr Kim Sampson,

I am writing to express my sincere thanks for the support of the Australia-Viet Nam Friendship Society and yourself as President of the Society in calling upon the Government of Australia to take necessary action to assure peace and stability in the region after the oil rig Haiyang Shiyou 981 was deployed illegally by China in the exclusive economic zone and continental shelf of Viet Nam.

I highly appreciate your understanding of the history of the Paracel Islands (referred as Hoang Sa Archipelago by Viet Nam) and would like to take this occasion to reaffirm that Viet Nam has full historical evidence and legal basis on its sovereignty over this Archipelago.

I am delighted to know that a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) on cooperation was recently signed between the Australia-Viet Nam Friendship Society and the Viet Nam Union of Friendship Organisations and do believe that the MOU will help to further enhance the relations between the Society and the Union in particular, and the Comprehensive Partnership between Viet Nam and Australia in general.

I look forward to your continued support and take this opportunity to convey to you the assurances of my highest consideration.

Yours sincerely,

Luong Thanh Nghi
Ambassador of the S.R. of Viet Nam to Australia