

ACCT-VIET NAM

Since Viet Nam joined ACCT, the country has received many valuable materials and intellectual resources. Even during the difficult years of the 80s, the organisation maintained active co-operation in training, and scientific and technical exchanges.

From 1980 to 1985, ACCT helped hundreds of cadres from different branches to attend seminars, forums, practical courses and experience exchanges to France, Canada and some African countries. At the same time, the organisation also provided a range of office and technical equipment worth tens of millions of French franc to many research institutions and archive agencies.

After a visit by the ACCT General Secretary to Viet Nam in March 1991, relations between Viet Nam and ACCT have seen many new developments.

Asia-Pacific ACCT decided to open an office in Ha Noi in March 1994, preceded by the Asia-Pacific French Language Teaching Centre established in HCM City in 1993.

The Centre is a large project of regional character and holds four seminars and French teaching training courses for Viet Nam, Laos, Cambodia and Vanuatu each year.

Over the past few years, ACCT has approved 35 projects to help Viet Nam in many fields, with a framework agreement in September 1996 committing total grants of 15 million French francs, with 5.6 million French francs reserved for projects aimed at preparing the organisation of the Francophone Summit.

The framework agreement outlined co-operation projects between ACCT and Viet Nam in 1997 in the following areas:

- Education and training: distance French teaching, professional training, text books publishing, bilingual teaching and French teaching on television.
- Communications and culture: support for film production, book publishing, aid to a French language library in Ha Noi, regional seminars in Ha Noi on the "information highway" and the Internet.
- Co-operation in law work: organise seminars on the process of civil courts, regional seminars on training of judges and exchanges for Vietnamese and French law-makers.
- Economic development: medium-term credit funds for businesswomen, support of consulting organisations for the establishment of small and medium-sized enterprises and rural development projects.
- Energy: seminars on conserving power and energy, renewing power generation sources.
- Preparation for the 7th Francophone Summit: Help to enhance foreign relations (particularly the introduction of Vietnamese culture to foreign countries; production of the film *Viet Nam is close, though far away*; teaching of French; training of clerks and secretaries for the Summit; creation of a French language environment; supplying programmes on Francophonie countries for Viet Nam Television; art performances for the International Day of the French Language (March 20) and the summit; publication of printed matter on Viet Nam and the Francophone Community, etc.

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