

Socialist Republic of Vietnam

National Day:	July 2, 1976
Capital:	Hanoi
Population:	60.49 million (1985)
Political System:	Effective political power rests with the Vietnam Communist Party
Head of State:	President Troung Chinh
Minister of Foreign Affairs:	Nguyen Co Thach
Economy:	70% of labour force is involved in agriculture, primarily the production of rice, sugar cane, fruits and vegetables.

Relationship with Canada: Canada continues to protest the presence of Vietnamese troops in Cambodia and co-sponsors a yearly UN resolution on the subject. Many ethnic Chinese "boat people" have settled in Canada. Total two-way trade is about \$4 million.

Troung Chinh: From 1941 to 1956, Troung Chinh was Secretary General of the Communist Party of Indochina and became Chairman of the Standing Committee of the National Assembly of the Democratic Republic of Vietnam in 1960. He retained this position after the reunification of Vietnam in 1976. He currently is President of the State Council, Chairman of the National Defence Council and a member of the Politbureau of the Communist Party of Vietnam.