

PRACTICAL INFORMATION

THE 14th ANNUAL SEA RED CROSS RED CRESCENT LEADERS MEETING

In HANOI, 21 - 22 September 2017

I. VIETNAM:

The Socialist Republic of Vietnam



Mainland Territory: 331,211.6 sq. km

Population: 91,7 million inhabitants

National Capital: Hanoi

Lying on the eastern part of the Indochinese peninsula, Vietnam is a strip of land shaped like the letter “S”. China borders it to the north, Laos and Cambodia to the west, the East Sea to the east and the Pacific Ocean to the east and south. The country’s total length from north to south is 1,650km. Its width, stretching from east to west, is 600km at the widest point in the north, 400km in the south, and 50km at the narrowest part, in the centre, in Quang Binh Province. The coastline is 3,260km long and the inland border is 4,510km.

Latitude: 102° 08' - 109° 28' east

Longitude: 8° 02' - 23° 23' north

Administrative Units: Vietnam is divided into 63 provinces and cities

Hanoi

Hanoi is the capital of Socialist Republic of Vietnam. It’s located in the Red River Delta. Throughout the thousand years of its eventful history, marked by destruction, wars and natural calamities, Hanoi still preserves many ancient architectural works including the Old Quarter and over 600 pagodas and temples. The unique blend of modern and traditional, eastern and European, and the colorful local culture can make for a number of exciting evenings. Many traditional handicrafts are also practiced in Hanoi including bronze molding, silver carving, lacquer, and embroidery.

Climate: Vietnam is located in both a tropical and a temperate zone. It is characterized by strong monsoon influences, but has a considerable amount of sun, a high rate of rainfall, and high humidity. Regions located near the tropics and in the mountainous regions are endowed with a temperate climate. In Hanoi there are four distinct seasons: Spring, Summer, Autumn, and Winter. But it is able to be divided into two main seasons: the rainy season from May to September (it’s hot, heavy rain), and the dry season from October to April (it’s cold, little rainfall).



Weather: September is the Fall and raining season. Participants may be advised to bring lightweight and tropical clothes, and an umbrella. The expected weather will be about 25°C.

Topography: Three quarters of Vietnam's territory consists of mountains and hills. Vietnam is divided into four distinct mountainous zones.

Language and Scripts: Among the 54 Vietnamese ethnic groups some have had their own scripts for a long time and some have not preserved their ancient scripts. As a matter of fact, some ethnic groups consisting of some hundreds of individuals living in remote areas have their own languages. Throughout the years, these languages have been enriched in terms of vocabulary, precision, and expression. However, the Viet language is the most commonly used.

English is common used in Vietnam.

Currency: Vietnam dong

Exchange rates :

The exchange rates can be changed in September 2017 during the 14th Annual SEA RCRC Leaders meeting. The current exchange rates: USD 1 = VND 22,690.

Credit Cards:

Most of major international credit cards are accepted in Hanoi, like Visa, MasterCard, etc. It's quite easy to find out the ATMs at hotels, restaurants or on the streets.

Noi Bai International Airport to Hanoi city:

The distance from the Noi Bai International Airport to the Central of Hanoi will be around 40km.

Vietnam Red Cross will arrange the airport pickup for all delegates. Our Red Cross managers, staff and volunteers will wait you at the Arrival Gate. Please look for the sign-board from Vietnam Red Cross.

Taxi: hire meter taxies – Hanoi Group Taxi and Mai Linh Taxi may be recommended as the car has meter, and some taxi drivers can speak English.

Medical services: International clinic/hospital:

- International SOS clinic in Hanoi:
Address: 4th Floor, 72 Xuan Dieu Street, Quang An Ward, Tay Ho District, Viet Nam
Tel: +84 24 3718 6390
Fax: +84 24 3718 6395
- Hanoi French hospital:
Address: No. 1 Phuong Mai street, Hanoi, Vietnam
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Insurance: Participants to be advised to ensure that they have valid international travel insurance before traveling from their respective countries.



II. THE 14TH ANNUAL SOUTH-EAST ASIA RED CROSS RED CRESCENT LEADERS MEETING, 21 – 22 SEPTEMBER 2017:

Meeting venue and accommodation:

The hotel will be at the Hanoi Daewoo Hotel, at 360 Kim Ma street (Kim Mã), Ngoc Khanh (Ngọc Khánh), Ba Dinh dist. (Ba Đình), Hanoi. Tel: 84-24 3831 5000. The Daewoo Hotel accepts to settle payments by Visa, Master or JCB etc.

Website: http://www.daewoohotel.com/en/accommodation-in-hanoi.html#item_1



As the host National Society, the Vietnam Red Cross will pay for the hotel accommodation for two designated participants; i.e. the Chairman/President (or representative) and the Secretary General (or representative) from each National Society.

The accommodation will include: breakfast, mineral bottle, in-house swimming pool, internet etc. While accommodation will be provided upon the meeting, other services such as: telephone, laundry, room service and mini-bar will be covered by guests themselves. Standard check-in time is 14.00; standard check-out time is 12.00. Early check-in and late check-out will be surcharged as the Daewoo Hotel's policy.

The Vietnam Red Cross will undertake to book the hotel accommodation for the other participants and accompanying family members, but will not cover the additional related costs.

The working agenda

- The Official Opening Session will be started 9h00 on 21 September 2017. Please arrange yourself to be at the Meeting room 15 – 30 minutes earlier.
- The detail working agenda is attached.
- The signing ceremony of cooperation agreement between Vietnam Red Cross, Lao Red Cross and Cambodian Red Cross will be started at 13h30 on 22 September 2017. All delegates are requested to come to the Hotel Lobby at 13h00 on 22 September 2017, as we need to take a bus from the Hanoi Daewoo Hotel to the Vietnam Red Cross National Headquarters Office at 82 Nguyen Du street, Hanoi.
- *Formal Courtesy Meeting with the State President of Vietnam at the Presidential Palace at 15h30 on 22 September 2017. All delegates will depart from VNRC NHQs Office at 15h00 to the Presidential Palace.*

Dress Code: FORMAL

Outside activities:



- VNRC has arranged for all delegates to see a Water Puppet Show at 17h00 on 22 September 2017 and after that with the night-market walk at Hanoi Old Quarters.

Arrival and departure: According to agenda, you are expected to arrive Hanoi on 20th September 2017 and departure on 23rd September 2017.

Working language: The meeting will be in English.

Airport pickup: We will arrange our Red Cross staffs and volunteers to meet you at the Airport.

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