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## **U.S. – Vietnam 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

# **English Writing Contest**

**deadline extended to midnight June 27**

The contest invites all currently enrolled Vietnamese undergraduate\* university students residing in Vietnam to submit an essay exploring an aspect of the multi-faceted relationship of these two nations.

Prizes will be awarded for First Place (\$100), Second Place (\$75), and Third Place (\$50). Winners will receive their award and read their submissions at an awards ceremony to take place in July 2010.

### **Essay Topic and Guidelines:**

**Word Count:** 600- 800 words.

**Topic:** *“U.S. - Vietnam Friendship and Cooperation: A Shared Future”*

*The U.S. -Vietnam relationship is built on mutual cooperation, friendship and respect. This foundation fosters growth in a multitude of areas including trade, education, health, cultural exchanges and military cooperation to name a few.*

*Write an essay exploring any aspect of this multi-faceted relationship. Show why it is important and how cooperation in this area affects the shared future of our two nations.*

### **Terms**

- Participation in the contest is free of charge.
- The decisions of the judges are final.
- All entries must be written in English and edited by the named participant, without assistance from others.
- The essay must not exceed 800 words.
- Points awarded for: originality, clarity, appropriate language use, effectiveness of argument and relevance to the topic.
- The Public Affairs Section is not responsible for late, lost, misdirected, incomplete, or illegible e-mail or for any computer-related, or technical malfunctions that may occur in the submission process.
- Submissions are considered void if illegible, incomplete, damaged, altered, counterfeit, produced in error, or obtained through fraud, theft or plagiarism.
- Submissions must originate from the writer's own e-mail account at time of entry.
- Deadline is midnight (Hanoi time) **27 June 2010**.

### **Terms continued**

- By participating in this contest, the winner grants the Embassy permission to use, copy, or quote from your essay as needed without further compensation to you.

\*Undergraduate students (sinh viên đại học) are eligible. Graduate students (those who have already earned their first degree at a university and are in a higher degree program) are **NOT** eligible.

**Essay Format:** Typed in Microsoft Word, Times New Roman, size 12. Do **not** include your name on the essay pages.

**Submit:** Submit your essay using the online form: <http://creator.zoho.com/pashanoi/form/187>

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**Awards ceremony will take place in July 2010.**

**Winners will be required to show identification (i.d.) to collect their prize.**