

Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam September 29, 2012

Country Highlight

With an estimated 90.5 million inhabitants as of 2011, Vietnam is the world's 13th most-populous country, and the 8th most-populous Asian country. Vietnam moved up to 8th place in ranking of origin of international students in 2010/11, with a 14% increase to a record high of 14,888 students, according to Open Doors.

The country has produced an impressive six-fold increase in U.S.-bound students in 10 years and holds second place for students interested in community colleges. In an online survey carried out by Education USA and IIE, the U.S. was the overwhelming first choice destination for respondents in Vietnam, with 82% of respondents listing the U.S. in an open ended question.

Ho Chi Minh City: The largest city in Vietnam, HCMC is home to world-renowned high schools and over 80 universities and colleges with a total of over 400,000 students. Last year IIE's fair in HCMC attracted the largest number of universities, students and parents of the entire tour.

<u>Vietnam</u> Open Doors Country Factsheet

Fair Schedule

11:45 am	Buffet lunch
01:30 am	Country briefing
02:00 pm	Visa Briefing
02.20 pm	University beeths

02:30 pm University booths set-up

03:00 pm Opening speech

03:10 pm Fair opens to the public

06:00 pm Fair ends

Venue

Hotel Equatorial Ho Chi Minh City (Reservation Form)

242 Tran Binh Trong, District 5, Ho Chi Minh City

Tel: 84-8-3839-7777 Fax: 84-8-3839-0011

http://www.equatorial.com/hcm

Expected Attendance

- Representatives: over 90+ colleges and universities
- Visitors: over 850+ visitors

Visa Information

- Please apply for a tourist visa. Contact the Vietnam Embassy in Washington, DC or the consulate in San Francisco, and allow 5 days for processing.
- List the hotel where you will be staying as your contact. Please do not list IIE.
- Visas are normally good for 30 days from the date of entry. Please note your port of entry will be written on your visa and cannot be changed later.
- For more info visit: http://www.china-embassy.org/eng/ywzn/lsyw/vpna/rap/t900567.htm

^{*}Coffee-break and buffet lunch will be provided.



Country / City Guides

Vietnam:

http://www.footprintsvietnam.com/vietnam/ http://www.vietnamstay.com/information/

Ho Chi Minh City:

http://wikitravel.org/en/Ho Chi Minh City http://traveltosaigon.com/Guide/traveltosaigo n/default.asp

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Hotels

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Guestrooms at a special rate have been pre-blocked for IIE fair participants

Next to the Fair Venue: (Other hotel suggestions)

Windsor Plaza Hotel Saigon

18 An Duong Vuong, District 5, Ho Chi Minh City

Tel: 84-8-3833-6688 Fax: 84-8-3833-6888 http://www.windsorplazahotel.com

Hotel Nikko Saigon

235 Nguyen Van Cu Street, District 1, Ho Chi Minh

City, Vietnam

Tel: (+84.8) 3925.7777 Fax: (+84.8) 3925.7766

E-mail: sales@hotelnikkosaigon.com.vn
http://www.hotelnikkosaigon.com.vn/en/index.php

New World Saigon Hotel

76 Le Lai Street, District 1, Ho Chi Minh City

Tel: (84-8) 3822 8888 Fax: (84-8) 3824 3694

Email: <u>reservations.saigon@newworldhotels.com</u> <u>http://www.saigon.newworldhotels.com/#/en_US/reservations</u>