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The U.S. Consulate Officials  
4 Le Duan Blvd., District 1,  
Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam  
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Dear Madam or Sir:

I am writing this letter in the hope that you will extend special visa considerations for the members of our alumni association who expectantly wish to attend our 10th alumni reunion - this year situated in San Jose, California, held from July 21st to 23rd.

Ours is not simply an alumni organization. In 1963, our school was established as a means of providing educational opportunities for the children whose fathers, South Vietnamese soldiers, had lost their lives or limbs, prior to the fall of Saigon in 1975. As the war escalated, the student population at this special school sky-rocketed.

Accordingly, when South Vietnam fell under communism in 1975, we were all expelled due to our family background. Through sheer determination to survive and succeed, many of our alumni friends have thrived economically in Vietnam. Our friendship and bonds of the time remain animating forces in all of our lives, and many would now like to attend this 10th reunion. For some, such a visit would mark their 4th or 5th time visiting the US, their impressions appreciating with every visit.

This bi-annual event welcomes the alumni from all over the world and their families. The reunion is filled with heartfelt appreciation for our heritage and unique background; memories made are cherished. We laugh and cry when finally reuniting with old teachers, friends and classmates, reminiscing of our time in school together decades ago, during and after the War. This year we're dedicating the reunion to our Mothers - military widows - who had sacrificed much of their lives for our future, against the direst circumstances and great losses. It would mean so much to us if all of our friends would be able to attend.

Starting in the early '90s - and every two years since 2003- the QGNT Foundation has hosted global reunions to nurture and strengthen our incredible bonds of memories born from loss. The events also allow us to recognize and pay respect to our parents, alive or deceased, and show our appreciation for our former teachers' dedication and encouragement. Surely such sentiment can be understood.

It is thus a very special occasion for all of us which grows in significance with the fewer of us remain. I hope that you will find it in your heart to assist our friends in their journey - through a tourist VISA - such that they can join us at QGNT 10th Reunion in July 2017.

Respectfully yours,

Phuong Minh Vo

Secretary of QGNT Foundation