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## Vietnam Advocacy Day 2014 & Civil Society Conference

# A convening of Vietnamese American leaders and advocates



*Vietnam Advocacy Day 2013*

### **Vietnam Advocacy Day & Civil Society Conference**

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## Wednesday March 26, 2014

In this third annual Vietnam Advocacy Day, Vietnamese Americans and human rights advocates from across the country convene in the national capital to:

- advocate, through legislative means, for Vietnam's commitment to human rights and democratic changes as conditions for expansion of relationship with the U.S.;
- bring together Vietnamese advocates inside Vietnam and among the diaspora for a joint platform and plan of actions for civil society development in Vietnam.

### 9:30 am — 5:00 pm

- Delegations meeting with their respective Senators and House members
- Religious leaders meeting with US Commission for International Religious Freedom
- Community leaders meeting with State Department

### 2:00 pm — 4:00 pm - HVC 210 (Capitol Visitors Center)

- Tom Lantos Human Rights Commission hearing on persecution against religions and indigenous peoples

## Thursday March 27, 2014

Vietnam Civil Society Conference, held under the co-chairmanship of members of Congress:

- offers a forum for advocates inside Vietnam and among the diaspora across the world to develop a joint platform and plan of actions for civil society development in Vietnam;
- familiarizes civil society advocates in Vietnam with how civil society functions and introduces them to global players and peers.

### 9:00 am — 11:30 am - CVC Auditorium (Capitol Visitors Center)

- Plenary Session  
Confirmed speakers:  
Senator David Vitter  
Senator Ben Cardin  
Senator John Cornyn  
Congressman Alan Lowenthal  
Congressman Bill Cassidy  
Congresswoman Zoe Lofgren  
Commissioner Andy Nguyen  
Councilmember Chris Phan

### 11:30 am — noon - House Triangle

- Press Conference

### Noon — 1:00 pm

- Lunch Reception

### 1:30 pm — 2:45 pm

- Breakout session # 1: Human rights in the context of US-Vietnam relations - CVC Auditorium
- Breakout session # 2: Reporting and stopping abuses - CVC 217
- Breakout session # 3: Opportunities and strategies - CVC 268

### 3:00 pm — 4:15 pm

- Breakout session # 1: Promoting human rights via civil society development - CVC Auditorium
- Breakout session # 2: Entry Points for Advocacy - CVC 217
- Breakout session # 3: Advocacy Best Practices - CVC 268

### 6:00 pm — 9:00 pm

- Working Dinner - Harvest Moon Restaurant

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