

## Freedom at Last

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A long journey to freedom that started nearly 20 years ago in Vietnam came to an end in Calgary Thursday afternoon.

Thuong Nguyen, 57, couldn't control her emotions as she was greeted at the airport.

Nguyen fled Vietnam nearly two decades ago by boat, but ended up in the Philippines stranded as a refugee.

She wasn't recognized by Vietnam and granted only temporary residency in the Philippines and forced to live in poverty.

Nguyen and her 22-year-old son are the first of 160 Vietnamese refugees still left in the Philippines to arrive in Canada.

For more information on the project to get the refugees out of the Philippines, called Freedom at Last, visit the Vietnamese Canadian Federation's web site.

To make a donation:

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