

Resolutions

**adopted by the participants of the National Workshop
*Celebrating 30 years of the Vietnamese in Canada:
Achievements, Opportunities, and Challenges*
organized by the Vietnamese Canadian Federation
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I. General Resolutions

1. The Vietnamese community acknowledges with gratitude the invaluable support of the Government of Canada, in particular the Department of Canadian Heritage, and many sponsors, for the celebrations of the 30th anniversary of the Vietnamese community in Canada;
2. Conference participants wish to express their special thanks to the workshop organizers, presenters, and volunteers for their efforts contributing to the success of these events.

II. Specific Resolutions

It is recommended that

- **The federal government:**

1. Provide support to the preservation and promotion of Vietnamese language and culture;
2. Actively recruit and appoint qualified Vietnamese Canadians to various boards and agencies of the federal government;
3. Express deep concern of the Canadian government and people on the blatant and continuing violations of human rights in Vietnam, especially the repression of the freedom of religion by the Vietnamese Communist regime;
4. Support the Vietnamese Canadian Federation in its efforts to represent the voice and interests of the Vietnamese community in Canada;
5. Provide post-secondary internship opportunities in different federal departments and agencies for Vietnamese Canadian youth;
6. Provide support and financial assistance to the *Vietnamese Boat People Museum Project*.

- **The Vietnamese Canadian Federation (VCF):**
 1. Proceed with the project to build the *Vietnamese Boat People Museum* in Ottawa;
 2. Work with member associations in providing resources and tools in the areas of community development, media relations, fund raising, and anti-racism;
 3. Support member associations in their effort to engage youths in community development activities;
 4. Set up a special committee to review and propose strategies to preserve and promote Vietnamese language and culture;
 5. Form networks of Vietnamese Canadian professionals and youth organizations in order to promote a positive image of the Vietnamese community in Canada;
 6. Establish lobby groups to provide input to the development of Canadian foreign and trade policies towards Viet Nam;
 7. Establish a *Youth Advisory Committee* to promote youth participation in community activities.

- **Vietnamese Canadian Federation's Member Associations:**
 1. Provide opportunities for Vietnamese youths to become actively involved in community activities and to assume leadership roles;
 2. Enhance relationship with local law enforcement agencies and media;
 3. Prepare an Action Plan to address the challenges in the integration process and to seize opportunities for community development;
 4. Cooperate with VCF in the implementation of the *Vietnamese Boat People Museum Project*;
 5. Establish a mentorship program to provide guidance and advice to Vietnamese youths at risk; and
 6. Set up a *Vietnamese Youth Advisory group* to enhance local youth activities.