

**Book Launch by the Institute for Civic Education in Vietnam,
Ottawa, August 28, 2010**

Under the sponsorship of the Vietnamese Canadian Federation, the Institute for Civic Education in Vietnam (ICEVN, Houston, Texas) has organized a book launch on Saturday, August 28, at the McNabb Community Centre, 180 Percy Street.

Following the presentation by Professor Truong Nong, the Institute's founder and Chief Executive, on the Institute's background and achievements, Mr. Ngoc Tran and Professor Hoan Do, two of the Institute's translators, gave some remarks on the publications that they have translated into Vietnamese. This was followed by light refreshments and the signing of the books by the translators. The event concluded with 2 songs performed by Professor Nong and his wife Anh Lan, and by Ai Tran, Executive Director of the Vietnamese Canadian Federation and the Vietnamese Canadian Centre.

The Institute for Civic Education in Vietnam was established with the purpose of transferring the concepts of civic responsibility as well as democracy, freedom, and human rights to Vietnam. Since its foundation, the following works have been translated into Vietnamese: 1/ *Social Contract* – translated into Vietnamese by Prof. Hoa Duong 2/ *Some Thoughts Concerning Education* - translated into Vietnamese by Prof. Hoa Duong; 3/ *Democracy Papers* - translated into Vietnamese by Mr. Ngoc Tran; and 4/ *Odyssey* – translated into Vietnamese by Prof. Hoan Do. In addition, the Institute also organizes correspondence courses over the internet in Vietnam on the above topics. So far, 400 students have taken these courses.

The Institute for Civic Education in Vietnam is a major initiative which will contribute significantly to the social and political development of Vietnam for generations to come. The Vietnamese Canadian Federation will continue to provide support to the Institute by facilitating similar book launches to be sponsored by its member associations in other cities.

The office of the Vietnamese Canadian Federation in Ottawa currently has some copies of the publications released by the ICEVN. Those who are interested in purchasing them can contact the Federation by telephone at (613) 230-8282 or by email: vietfederation@yahoo.ca.

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Professor Truong Nong (#10 from left to right) and his wife Anh Lan (#2, Professor Hoan Do (#9) and Mr. Ngoc Tran (#11) and guests at the book launch.

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