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PRESS RELEASE

Vietnamese Canadian Federation adds \$74,501.52 to Canada's assistance to Haiti
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Helping the fire victims in Gatineau

The Vietnamese Canadian Federation (VCF) today announces that it is contributing \$37,250.76 to the Haiti earthquake victims relief funds set up by World Vision and the Canadian Red Cross. This amount includes the \$13,082.13 that donors sent to VCF's charity affiliate, the Vietnamese Canadian Centre in Ottawa, and the rest was collected by its member associations in Sherbrooke, Montréal, and Toronto and forwarded directly to either World Vision or the Canadian Red Cross.

With a one-to-one matching by the Canadian government, VCF's contribution adds \$74,501.52 to Canada's total financial assistance to Haiti.

At the Vietnamese New-Year reception held on February 13 in Ottawa by the Federation and the Centre, Danh Nguyen, Vice-President of the Federation, has presented a cheque of \$13,082.13 to Canadian Red Cross representative Sandra Gillis. "With this modest contribution, we'd like to show our solidarity with the people of Haiti in this challenging time. We share their losses and sorrows, and we wish them all the best in their efforts to rebuild the country", said Mr. Nguyen.

In addition to making this financial contribution, the Federation is currently working with some non-profit organizations and concerned citizens in Ottawa in a community-wide group recently formed to help the Haitian community with family re-unification, and to support the victims of the earthquake.

Also at the reception, the Vietnamese Canadian Federation presented a cheque of \$1,000.00 as an immediate assistance to the Dinh Tran family of Gatineau, whose apartment was burnt down in a fire on February 1st. Having moved from Toronto just the day before, they lost everything in the fire: money, documents, furniture, etc. The Federation has appealed for donations to help this family get back to normal, to be sent to the following address:

Vietnamese Canadian Centre / Gatineau Fire Victims Relief Fund
249 Rochester St.
Ottawa, ON K1R 7M9.

Receipts for income tax purposes will be issued.

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