

Congratulations letter of Mr. Vu Xuan Hong- Chairman- VUFO

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On the 10th anniversary of Project RENEW – “ Restoring the Environment and Neutralizing the Effects of the War” and the dedication of the Mine Action Visitor Center, on behalf of the Vietnam Union of Friendship Organizations (VUFO), the People's Aid Co-ordinating Committee (PACCOM), and the member organizations and departments of VUFO, I would like to extend my warmest congratulations to Project RENEW’s donors, partners, the leaders and people of Quang Tri province.

Project RENEW was initiated and launched in Aug 2001 in Quang Tri Province, a region that experienced some of the most fierce fighting during the war. Until now, a range of individuals and donors have provided financial and technical support to Project RENEW in addressing the consequences of the war, considerably contributing to the enhanced awareness of the danger associated with ERW among local communities, ultimately reducing the number of ERW accidents, and increasing the wellbeing of ERW survivors’ families through RENEW’s micro-credit program, vocational training, and income generation.

In the past 10 years, the implementation of Project RENEW has been extremely effective and practical. The central and local government, donors, and the international community highly appreciate its efforts to neutralize the consequences of war and consider the project to be an example of effective mine action in Vietnam.

On this occasion, I would like to extend my warmest congratulations and earnest appreciation for the tireless efforts of those who have directly involved in the project implementation and management, for the attention and direction of the local government, and the cooperation and support of the people in Quang Tri to Project RENEW.

Again, I would like to express my sincere gratitude and thanks to all of our friends, internal and international donors for your love, your generosity, and your assistance to the people of Vietnam in joint efforts to address the consequences of ERW through Project RENEW in particular and mine action in Vietnam in general.

Also, I would like to take this opportunity to wish you and your families good health, happiness, and success.

Wishing the friendship and solidarity between the people of Vietnam and the international community becomes even closer and stronger.

Best regards,

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