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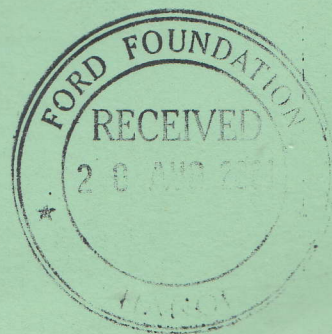
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OPENING SPEECH

The Vietnamese government has chosen June 28th, 2001 the annual Vietnamese Family Day. Vietnamese people seem to be happy to welcome this day. Many of them must say or think: "Thanks Vietnamese family day" for reminding them of the most sacred thing, which is their power and standing point; it is family. There is a verse expressing that: "There is not talent without first standing point". Thanks to Vietnamese Family Day, there are lots of people who have little time to look after the family, or mainly concentrate on earning money and go on business, burst in words: "I would like to have a family reunion where all the members live under one roof and look after each other".

In our centre, we have handed through a famous poem for a long time with the title "In general people do not need much". The poem narrates about modest desires as well as great wishes of people, for example: "the silence after thunderbolt", "a piece of blue fog", "a latest published newspaper newly", "a little planet", "a wish to fly to stars", "a wish to gain super speed" ... Finally, the poem concluded with a humane opinion "In nature, these things are very little - in general, people do not need much - Just someone at home is waiting". "Someone is waiting at home" include also the meaning that cosy home is missing and waiting. It is the great happiness of people that helps people receive and absorb the best things of intelligence - not only rational intelligence (intelligence rationelle), but also emotional intelligence (intelligence emotionelle) - Both are the most important things of success in life.

Those explain why, Family has a great significance, so June 28th has sacred significance. All of Vietnamese people are happy and emotive to thank Vietnamese Family Day. Our seminar entitled "Domestic violence against women and the role of mass media for women's development" with purpose of warmly welcoming "Vietnamese Family Day", aims to find out solutions to prevent domestic violence against women and develop women, as well as protect family happiness, and stable development of society.

Along that spirit, our seminar is held in 2 days, mainly using discussion (group discussion and meeting hall discussion).

Seminar on "Domestic Violence Against Women And The Role Of Mass Media For Women's Development"

We have the honour and privilege to welcome participants of the seminar today, who are researchers on social science, experts in many research fields, in law counselling, health care, and psychological counselling; journalists, reporters, and editors of many types of mass media, representatives of some Vietnamese and International social organisations.

The seminar program was sent to all participants.

To begin the seminar, we would like to invite Prof. Le Thi Nham Tuyet - Director of Research Centre for Gender, Family, and Environment in Development to present the introduction.

Hanoi, June 28, 2001