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Dayton, Ohio, October 14, 1968 --- Six high-ranking Vietnamese educators from universities in Vietnam will take a three-day extension tour of the University of Dayton beginning Thursday, October 17. The Vietnamese visitors, all deans of Law and Letters, are here to observe policy, administration and curriculum. Their aim is to gather information to help improve the system of higher education in Vietnam.

They are here under the joint sponsorship of the government of South Vietnam, The U.S. Office of Education, and The U.S. Agency for International Development. Mr. Kenneth Davenport, Foreign Student Advisor at the University of Dayton, will serve as host. The group is accompanied by a professional interpreter, Miss Nguyen Thi Kim-Chi.

Leader of the group is Dr. Nguyen Cao Hach, Dean, Faculty of Law, University of Saigon. A teacher for 14 years, Dr. Hach received his doctorate in Law in Economics from the University of Paris in 1953. The 50-year-old dean speaks fluent French and English. Members of the group range in age from 27 to 55.

After the Vietnamese visitors leave Dayton, they will visit the University of Michigan, Baldwin-Wallace College and Columbia University. They had previously been to Wisconsin State, the University of Chicago and Indiana University.

The University of Dayton visitors are part of a group of 18 Vietnamese educators who are currently touring other colleges and universities in the U.S. After attending an initial five-day seminar in higher education at Wisconsin State University, they separated into four groups: Deans of Law and Letters; Deans of Education; Deans of Medicines and other Sciences; and Secretaries General (Provosts). Each group has a separate itinerary. At the end of October they will reunite in New York to visit United Nations headquarters and various local colleges. Their last stop is Washington, D.C., where the Vietnamese Embassy will honor them with a formal dinner and introduction to Vietnamese students studying in the Washington area. They will return to Vietnam November 10.

In addition to Dr. Hach, other members of the Dayton group are: Father Le Van Ly, 55, Dean, Faculty of Letters, University of Dalat; Dr. Nguyen Khac Hoach, 47, Dean, Faculty of Letters, University of Saigon; Dr. Nguyen Si Hai, 47, Dean, Faculty of Law, University of Hue; Dr. Lam Ngoc Huynh, 38, Dean, Faculty of Letters, University of Hue; and Rev. Thich Nguyen Tanh, 27, Director of Curricula, Van Hanh University.