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6th ANNUAL VIETNAM EDUCATION FOUNDATION FELLOWS AND VISITING SCHOLARS CONFERENCE

Hanoi, December 29, 2008 – The Vietnam Education Foundation (VEF) is pleased to announce the 6th Annual VEF Fellows and Visiting Scholars Conference With the theme of “All the Ways Home.” The Conference, organized with the assistance of the U.S. National Academies, is the annual event for VEF Fellows and Scholars and will be held in Washington, D.C., U.S.A., from January 4-5, 2009.

During the Conference, VEF Fellows, Visiting Scholars, and U.S. Faculty Scholars will join discussions in a variety of sessions focusing on science and technology. In addition to the theme of enhancing the ways for VEF Fellows to return to Vietnam, a special feature of this year’s conference is a Job Fair, which builds on last year’s first Academic Job Fair. The purpose of this year’s Job Fair is to help Vietnamese universities and research institutes and to help international companies working in Vietnam to recruit talented and outstanding VEF Fellows into their workforce. In addition, the Job Fair provides opportunities to establish relationships with potential collaborators.

The Job Fair for this year’s VEF Conference has attracted 8 delegations, including the Vietnam Ministry of Science and Technology headed by Vice Minister Le Dinh Tien, various Vietnamese universities and research institutes, and Intel Corporation. The Job Fair delegates will discuss with VEF Fellows and Visiting Scholars about their organizations’ visions, strategies, and policies, as well as about current and future employment opportunities and the general work environment, including the circumstances for teaching and doing research. This year’s specific session, entitled “All the Ways Home” (Đường về Tổ quốc), will be videotaped and available on the VEF website (www.vef.gov).

VEF’s annual conferences are held yearly in the U.S. with the assistance of the U.S. National Academies. The purpose of the conference is to bring the VEF Fellows and Scholars closer together in order to build a sustainable science and technology community for Vietnam in the future. Over 200 VEF Fellows and Scholars from more than 70 U.S. universities will be present at this Sixth Annual VEF Fellows and Scholars Conference. For more information on the VEF Annual Conference, please visit the VEF website at www.vef.gov or the VEF Fellows Association (VEFFA) website at www.veffa.org.
