Welcome to Today’s Event

20th ANNIVERSARY
U.S.-VIETNAM RELATIONS
1995-2015
“It was Bill Clinton who opened up and had the vision for moving ahead...he saw this as an opportunity to heal wounds and to **build bridges**.”

Ambassador Pete Peterson
“No two countries have worked harder, done more, and done better to try to bring themselves together and change history and change the future than the US and Vietnam”

United States Secretary of State - John Kerry
Why are we here today?

Mutual Understanding
Comprehensive Partnership
Keep Building Bridges

TPP  Economic growth

Education  Civil Society

Climate Change  Disaster Relief

Mil-Mil  Human Rights

Humanitarian Assistance  U.S. Exports

Combat Wildlife Trafficking

**PAST:**
1995–2014

Building Bridges

**PRESENT:**
2015

Advance the Comprehensive Partnership

**FUTURE:**
2016–2035

Take the Relationship to New Levels
20 Years of Growth: Selected Milestones

1995
Normalization

2001
Bilateral Trade Agreement

2005
PEPFAR Program Initiated in Vietnam (President’s Emergency Fund for AIDS Relief)

2011
Advanced Bilateral Defense Cooperation

2013
Comprehensive Partnership Agreement

2014
License of Fulbright University Vietnam
Our Shared Vision for 2015 & Beyond

Highlight how far we have come...

Identify how far we can go

Build people-to-people ties
Forward Looking Approach to the 20th July Celebrations
63 Provinces
Themed Events
A New Era of Mutual Benefits: 2016-2035

Vietnam's Benefits

- Attract high-value, innovation-driven investment
- A strong, prosperous, and independent Vietnam
- Develop high quality human resources
- Environmental conservation and cultural cohesion
- Promoting rule of law and transparency

Comprehensive Partnership

Trade and Economic Ties
- Create jobs and growth

Defense and Security
- Stable and peaceful Asia-Pacific region

Educational Cooperation
- People-to-people mutual understanding

Environment and Health
- Regional and multilateral collaboration

Dialogue on Human Rights
- Mutual respect and openness

United States’ Benefits
Laying the Foundation for the Future

A Strong, Prosperous, and Independent Vietnam

leading to

2035 and beyond

...Working together to deepen bilateral ties
Thank You

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