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[Editorial: "The Successful Official Goodwill Visit of the NUFC-RGNC Delegation to the Liberated Zone of South Vietnam"]

[Text] An NUFC-RGNC delegation led by Khieu Samphan, RGNC deputy prime minister, minister of national defense and commander in chief of the CPNLAF, and Ieng Sary, special adviser to the deputy prime minister's office, made an official goodwill visit to the liberated zone of South Vietnam from 11 through 13 June. Upon their arrival in the liberated zone of Quang Tri Province on 11 June, the great representatives of our heroic Cambodian people were solemnly received and welcomed by Nguyen Huu Tho, chairman of the NLFV Central Committee Presidium and chairman of the PRGRSV Advisory Council, Nguyen Doa, deputy prime minister of the PRGRSV, and other leaders and combatants of the NLFV and several thousand representatives of various ethnic groups.

Nguyen Huu Tho gave a grand banquet honoring our delegation. In his welcoming speech, Nguyen Huu Tho expressed the gratitude of the NLFV, PRGRSV and people of South Vietnam for our delegation's bringing sentiments of strong friendship and solidarity and news of the resounding victories achieved by the Cambodian people and CPNLAF on the battlefield in Cambodia. He also expressed gratitude for the support and assistance of the Cambodian people for the cause of the just struggle of the South Vietnamese people. At the same time, he reaffirmed the continued support of the NLFV, PRGRSV and South Vietnamese people for the resolute, uncompromising stand of the Cambodian people until complete victory, as stated in the 23 March 1970 statement of Samdech Norodom Sihanouk, chief of state and chairman of the NUFC.

In his reply, Deputy Prime Minister Khieu Samphan praised the spirit of determined struggle and hailed the victories by the South Vietnamese people under the guidance of the NLFV. Khieu Samphan reaffirmed the resolute determination of the Cambodian people to preserve the militant solidarity and fraternal friendship with the South Vietnamese people as well as with all the Vietnamese people. He also reaffirmed the determination to continue supporting the just struggle of the South Vietnamese people for the building of an independent, peaceful, neutral, democratic and prosperous Vietnam and for the peaceful reunification of the Vietnamese fatherland despite the aggression and interference of U.S. imperialism and the lackey Nguyen Van Thieu clique.

On 12 June the NUFC-RGNC delegation led by Khieu Samphan and the NLFV-PRGRSV delegation led by Nguyen Huu Tho held official talks. This furthered the understanding between the two parties on the situation in their respective countries. The talks allowed both sides to better understand how to solve special problems in each country, especially problems related to the struggle against the aggression of U.S. imperialism. That afternoon our delegation attended a meeting to welcome the great representatives of the heroic Cambodian people. The meeting was held in an atmosphere of militant solidarity and fraternity.

The official friendly visit of the NUFC-RGNC delegation to the liberated zone of South Vietnam has strengthened the bonds of militant solidarity and fraternity between the Cambodian and South Vietnamese peoples. The Cambodian people, the NUFC, RGNC and CPNLAF would like to thank the South Vietnamese people, NLFV and the PRGRSV for their grand reception and welcome given our NUFC-RGNC delegation. We wish that the friendship between the Cambodian and South Vietnam peoples and all the people of Vietnam becomes stronger and develops on the basis of equality, mutual respect and mutual assistance.

Long live the militant solidarity and fraternity among the Cambodian people, the South Vietnamese people and the people of all Vietnam.