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Professor Jeanette Hackett
Vice-Chancellor
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Dear Vice-Chancellor,

Re: Celebration 40 years of Australian Diplomatic Relations with Vietnam.

My name is Anh Nguyen, the President of the Vietnamese Community in Australia – WA Chapter. On behalf of the West Australians of Free Vietnam origin, I would like to express our concerns relating to some of the discussion topics in the event tomorrow.

First, we respect your University policy and directions on business relationship with the Socialist Republic of Vietnam (from here on: Vietnam) and wish your tomorrow seminar a success.

As you might be aware, Australia and Vietnam adopt two different political systems. While one lifts Australian life quality to the top of the world, the other drags Vietnamese life quality down to amongst the poorest countries on the planet, through its political monopoly and totalitarianism. Vietnam is now so corrupted¹ and immoral that even patients in public hospitals have to bribe staff and doctors to get treatment². Public health is a mere propaganda.

In reference to basic human rights Australian Government honours the principles of democracy and freedom as foundations for social harmony and developments. On the other hand, the Vietnamese Government dishonours its own constitution: none of its contents is being applied in real life. Those who concern about negative social or political issues are imprisoned, freedom advocates, whistle blowers on Chinese invasion, free bloggers, and respected religious leaders...are heavily sentenced on fabricated charges. The Vietnamese Communist Government employs dirty tactics to intimidate or to silence opponents and their families, the tactics democratic countries like ours could never believe they would exist amongst the Homo sapiens species.

With regard to the rise of China and how it impacts on Australia and Vietnam, China has unlawfully expanded its border by swallowing large sea portion of Vietnam (Paracel and Spratly islands sitting on huge oil resource), blocking the international trade route in South East Asia, unfoundedly claiming this their undisputable territory. This consequently affects Australia's trade and stability. The Vietnamese Government has compromised part of its territory and seas to pay war debt, protecting the Communist Party's interest, against the will of its people.

With due respect, The Vietnamese Community in Western Australia would like to see the Conference a chance for Curtin University to assess those risk factors, bringing the best benefit to the people of both countries at the door of 40 year history of diplomatic relations.

Please find attached various documents in relation to the current Vietnam social and political climate.

Kindest regards,

Anh Nguyen, MD, MBBS
President.
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¹ Please refer to the Corruption Perceptions Index 2012 (Transparency International 2013)
<http://cpi.transparency.org/cpi2012/results/>

² Please refer to article titled "Why do Vietnam's patients bribe their doctors" (BBC News Asia 2013)
<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-asia-23237285>