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24TH NATIONAL BIENNIAL CONFERENCE of the VIETNAMESE COMMUNITY IN AUSTRALIA

The Vietnamese Community in Australia/Western Australia Chapter Inc. today announced that it will be hosting this 24th biennial National Conference from 8th to 10th of June 2018.

The Opening Ceremony will be held at the Parliament House of Western Australia, 4 Harvest Place West Perth 6005, from 6pm, 8th of June. Attendance is by invitation only.

The following 2 <mark>days (9th and 10th of J</mark>une) will be held at Koondoola Hall, 90 Koondoola Ave, Koondoola from 7am to 7pm, attendance is open to public but as audience only.

The objectives of our National Conference are:

- (i) To report on the previous 2 years' achievements of the Organisation across the nation.
- (ii) To set directions / goals and strategies for the next 2 years with the aims at assisting people of Vietnamese ancestry to assimilate and thrive in the multicultural context, and to improve quality of their contribution to the mainstream society in harmony.
- (iii) To help preserving culture and language in the younger generations.
- (iv) To elect a new National Executive Committee of the Organisation.
- (v) To reinforce the expatriate dynamics in canvassing democracy for current Vietnam.

80 delegates from all states and territory are coming to Perth for this 24th National Conference, which is embraced by Federal, State, and Local Government politicians who consider the Vietnamese Community an important part of their constituents.

Biennially all states and Territory chapters of the Vietnamese Community in Australia confer to review their achievements, to solve problems and difficulties, to plan future approaches to improve quality of contribution to the wider community, and to preserve the stereotyped culture and language in the younger generations.

The Vietnamese Community in Australia is a non-profit organisation, which was formed following the post 1975 exodus and represents all Vietnamese regardless of age, gender, religion or backgrounds as long as they share the purpose of serving the non-communist Vietnamese community. There are now more than 250,000 Australians of Vietnamese ancestry living in Australia.