KEY FACTS AND FIGURES ON VIET NAM / UNESCO COOPERATION


- Population, total (millions): 93.4
- Human Development Index: 0.683; Rank: 115 (out of 188 countries, between Indonesia which ranks 113 and Philippines which ranks 116)
- Life expectancy at birth (years): 75.9
- Expected years of schooling (years): 12.6
- Gross national income (GNI) per capita (2011 PPP$): 5,335
- Internet users (% of population): 52.7
- Carbon dioxide emissions per capita (tonnes): 1.7
  (UN Map of Southeast Asia at the end)

II. VIETNAM/UNESCO COOPERATION

1. Membership in UNESCO: July 1951

2. Membership of the Executive Board: Yes, (Term expires in 2019)

3. Membership on Intergovernmental Committees, Commissions, etc.:
   - International Coordinating Council of the Programme on Man and the Biosphere Member (Term expires: 41st General Conference)
   - Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission

4. The Director-General’s visits in the country: 0

5. The former Director-General’s visits in the country: 3
   - 24-27 August 2017: official visit to sign the agreements on the establishment of Category II centres in Mathematics and Physics
   - 20-23 June 2013: official visit to participate in the Heritage Journey Festival in Quang Nam Province
   - 1-3 October 2010: official visit on the occasion of the 1000th Anniversary of Thang Long-Hanoi

6. Permanent Delegation to UNESCO:
   - H.E. Ms Tran Thi Hoang Mai (since September 2017)
   - Staff: Ms Le Phuong Nga, Second Secretary and Mr Nguyen Tuan Khanh, Third Secretary
   - Previous Permanent Delegates: H.E. Mr Le Hong Phan (September 2014 to September 2017); H.E. Mr Duong Van Quang (April 2011 – July 2014); H.E. Mr VaN Nghia Dung (2004-2011); H.E. Mr Vu Duc Tam (2004-2007); H.E. Mr Pham Sanh Chau (2000-2003)

7. UNESCO Office in Hanoi:
   - Date of establishment: 1999
   - Head of Office: Michael Croft (Canada, P-5), since 15 July 2017

8. National Commission of Viet Nam for UNESCO:
   - Date of establishment: June 1977
   - President: H.E. Mr Le Hoai Trung (since Nov 2014)
   - Secretary-General: Mr Pham Vinh Quang (since Jan 2017)

9. Personalities linked to UNESCO’s activities:
   - Ms Kim Phuc Phan (now a Canadian citizen), Goodwill Ambassador
10. UNESCO Chairs:
   - Network:
     Réseau UNITWIN sur le renforcement des capacités d'expertise sous-régionales en biodiversité végétale établi en 2011 à l'Université des Sciences Naturelles de Hanoi, l'Université des Sciences Naturelles de Ho Chi Minh Ville, l'Université Nationale du Laos, l'Université Royale de Phnom Penh.


12. Category 2 Institutes and centres: 2
   - International Centre for Research and Postgraduate Training in Physics (Hanoi)
   - International Centre for Research and Postgraduate Training in Mathematics (Hanoi)

13. World Heritage Sites: 8

   Cultural sites:
   - Citadel of the Ho Dynasty (2011)
   - Central Sector of the Imperial Citadel of Thang Long - Hanoi (2010)
   - Hoi An Ancient Town (1999)
   - My Son Sanctuary (1999)
   - Complex of Huế Monuments (1993)

   Natural sites:
   - Ha Long Bay (1994)

   Mixed sites:
   - Trang-An Landscape Complex (2014)

14. Tentative List: 7 properties
   - Huong Son Complex of Natural Beauty and Historical Monuments (1991)
   - Cat Tien National Park (2006)
   - Con Moong Cave (2006)
   - The Complex of Yen Tu Monuments and Landscape (2014)
   - Ha Long Bay – Cat Ba Archipelago (2017)
   - Ba Be - Na Hang Natural Heritage Area (2017)

15. Intangible Heritage Lists: 12 inscriptions
   - The art of Bài Chờ in Central Viet Nam (2017)
   - Xoan singing of Phú Thọ province, Viet Nam (2017)
   - Practices related to the Viet beliefs in the Mother Goddesses of Three Realms (2016)
   - Tugging rituals and games (2015)
   - Ví and Giảm folk songs of Nghệ Tĩnh (2014)
   - Art of Đơn ca tài tử music and song in southern Viet Nam (2013)
   - Worship of Hùng kings in Phú Thọ (2012)
   - Giông festival of Phú Động and Sóc temples (2010)
   - Quan Hồ Bắc Ninh folk songs (2009)
   - Cà trù singing (2009)

   - Nha Nhac, Vietnamese court music (2008)
   - Space of gong culture (2008)
16. **Biosphere Reserves:** 9
   - Can Gio Mangrove (2000)
   - Don Nai – former Cat Tien – (2001), Extension (2011)
   - Cat Ba (2004); adjacent to Halong Bay World Heritage site
   - Western Nghe An (2007)
   - Cu Lao Cham – Hoi An (2009)
   - Mui Ca Mau (2009)
   - Langbiang (2015)

17. **UNESCO Global Geoparks:** 2
   - Dong Van Karst Plateau (2015)
   - Cao Bang (2018)

18. **Memory of the World Register:** 3 inscriptions
   - Imperial Archives of Nguyen Dynasty (1802-1945)
   - Stone Stele Records of Royal Examinations of the Le and Mac Dynasties (1442-1779) (2011)
   - Woodblocks of Nguyen Dynasty (2009)

19. **Creative Cities Network:** no appointments

20. **Legal instruments:** 11 ratified and 29 non-ratified
   - Convention on the Protection and Promotion of the Diversity of Cultural Expressions: **ratification** (7 August 2007);
   - Convention for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage: **ratification** (20 September 2005);
   - International Convention against Doping in Sport: **ratification** (02 October 2009)
   - Convention concerning the Protection of the World Cultural and Natural Heritage: **ratification** (19 October 1987)

21. **Anniversaries with which UNESCO is associated in 2018/2019:** 1
   - 100th anniversary of the birth of Kamphol Vacharaphol, educator (1919-1996) (Thailand, with the support of Malaysia, Republic of Korea and Viet Nam)