

Association contributes to fostering Vietnam-Cuba relations

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The Vietnam-Cuba Friendship Association in the Mekong Delta province of Dong Thap has significantly contributed to tightening the friendship and comprehensive cooperation between the Vietnamese and Cuban people, said a provincial official.

Speaking at the association's third congress in Cao Lanh city on August 27, Vice Chairman of the provincial People's Committee Doan Tan Buu urged the association to carry out more result-oriented activities to help enhance Vietnam-Cuba relations.

Indira Lopez Arguelles, Cuban Consul General in Ho Chi Minh City, said the solidarity and friendship between Vietnam and Cuba, which were cultivated by Presidents Ho Chi Minh and Fidel Castro, have become invaluable cultural and spiritual values of the two countries.

Vietnam is one of the countries Cuba is approaching while seeking new economic models, she said, noting that Cuba is ready to continue its assistance to Vietnam in education and healthcare.

The congress elected a 14-member executive board for the 2018-2023 term with Vo Tien Thanh re-elected as its President.

During the new term, it plans to maintain and develop the traditional friendship, and coordinate with relevant agencies in communication work in order to promote the land and people of Cuba to Dong Thap residents, and vice versa.

At the same time, the association will consolidate its organisation to meet the requirements of people-to-people diplomacy, and work as a bridge between the people of the two countries in a wide range of areas, from politics, economy, culture, and education to healthcare, science-technology, environmental protection, and tourism.

Since its inception in 1998, the association has reaped several noted achievements in terms of both personnel development and operations.

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