



PeaceTrees VietNam

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Dear Friends,

We are writing today to let you know that Quang Le, PeaceTrees Vietnam's long-time In-Country Director, will be stepping back from his role on June 30, 2018. Many of you know from personal experience what an asset Quang has been to PeaceTrees and how fortunate we are to have had him lead the organization in Vietnam for the last 18 years. We are deeply grateful for his many years of service as PeaceTrees' trusted leader in Vietnam.

Please join me in thanking Quang for his immeasurable contributions to PeaceTrees and commitment to humanitarian work in Vietnam, especially in support of ethnic minority communities and those still affected by the legacy of war. When you think of Quang, we imagine that his friendship and memories of times shared together will immediately come to mind. At the end of June, Co-Founder Jerilyn Brusseau and Executive Director Claire Yunker will be traveling to Vietnam to convey the PeaceTrees community and Board of Director's deep appreciation and well wishes to Quang for his incredible dedication to the work of PeaceTrees Vietnam. We also want to take a moment to highlight a few of his many contributions to PeaceTrees over the years:

- Quang began his service to PeaceTrees Vietnam in 1997 with the design and construction of the Danaan Parry Landmines Education Center, which continues to serve as our headquarters, site of Mine Risk Education programming, and beautifully maintained tree planting site.
- He worked with Quang Tri Province leadership to design and manage the construction of the PeaceTrees Friendship Village, including 100 homes, a kindergarten, community hall, power, and water for residents.
- Quang has hosted approximately 65 Citizen Diplomacy delegations, and developed PeaceTrees Vietnam's partnership with the University of Washington, which led to 7 University delegations to Quang Tri Province.
- Beginning with the first U.S. Department of State-funded demining project in 2005, Quang has been central to the growth and impact of PeaceTrees' demining work. Under his leadership, PeaceTrees' EOD



Teams have grown to include 60 highly trained Explosive Ordnance Disposal Technicians who have cleared more than 106,000 dangerous unexploded weapons.

We are also immensely grateful that Quang has hired and developed a talented team and strong organization at PeaceTrees Vietnam capable of carrying on this work in the future.

In that spirit, we are pleased to announce that Ms. Pham Thi Hoang Ha has been appointed to succeed Quang as In-Country Director. Ha has been with PeaceTrees for the last 16 years, most recently as Project Manager. We feel extremely fortunate to have her strong leadership and ability to help us continue our important work in Quang Tri. We will welcome Ha to her new role beginning July 1, 2018. She will be working closely with our team and partner organizations to ensure a smooth transition, and the continuing success of PeaceTrees' work in central Vietnam.



As we say farewell to Quang and enter a new chapter of leadership in our Quang Tri office, thank you for your continued support returning war-torn land to safety and productivity so that communities can flourish for generations to come.

With gratitude,

Claire Yunker
Executive Director, PeaceTrees Vietnam

Tracy Garland
Chair of the Board of Directors