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on

**“India-Vietnam: Strengthening Ties”**

To commemorate forty years of the establishment of diplomatic relations between India and Vietnam as well as the fifth anniversary of the creation of a Strategic Partnership between them, a delegation of the Indian Council of World Affairs led by Director-General Mr. Rajiv Kumar Bhatia, is visiting Hanoi, from 16-19th July 2012, to participate in the first bilateral academic conference entitled “India-Vietnam: Strengthening Ties”, in collaboration with the Diplomatic Academy of Vietnam.

The year 2012 is being celebrated as “India-Vietnam Friendship Year” and also marks the twentieth year of India's Dialogue Partnership with ASEAN. India and Vietnam have sustained friendly and cordial relations since antiquity, based on similarities in history, geography and agrarian economy. Both countries endured colonial rule, and won their independence through intense nationalistic movements. The ties between the two countries are marked by mutual trust and a near-identical outlook on bilateral, regional and international issues. The delegation is likely to meet a number of senior government Ministers and officials and is scheduled also to interact with two institutes of the Vietnam Academy of Social Sciences for further strengthening political, strategic, economic bilateral ties.

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