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Sixth Sapru House Lecture

H.E. Mr. Pham Binh Minh, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam, will deliver the sixth Sapru House lecture on “*India-Vietnam Relations and Regional Issues*”, on Friday, 12 July 2013 at 1200 hours, in the ICWA Lecture Hall. H.E. Mr. Minh is a member of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of Vietnam and Deputy of the National Assembly of the 13th Legislature. The sixth Sapru House Lecture will be chaired by Ambassador Aftab Seth, former Ambassador of India to Vietnam.

Sapru House Lectures are flagship events of the Indian Council of World Affairs, which are delivered by eminent personalities from around the globe on a regular basis. The five previous lectures were delivered by Dr. C. Raja Mohan, an eminent Indian foreign policy expert; Admiral (Retd.) Arun Prakash; H.E. Pushpa Kamal Dahal 'Prachanda', former Prime Minister of Nepal; H.E. Mr. Abdulla Shahid, Speaker, People's Majlis (Parliament) of Maldives; and H.E. Bruno Eduardo Rodríguez Parrilla, Foreign Minister of Cuba.

H.E. Mr. Minh is on a visit to India from 10-12 July, 2013 for the 15th Meeting of the India-Vietnam Joint Commission on Trade, Economic, Scientific and Technological Cooperation (JCM). Hon'ble External Affairs Minister of India, Mr. Salman Khurshid, is the co-chair of the Joint Commission with the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Vietnam. The JCM undertakes a comprehensive review of entire spectrum of India-Vietnam bilateral relations and cooperation on regional and multilateral issues, and sets agreed targets for future cooperation.

In 2007, India and Vietnam upgraded cooperation to a Strategic Partnership, based on commonality of interests and shared perceptions on global and regional developments. Today India-Vietnam Strategic Partnership ranges from cooperation in Defence and Security, Trade

and Investments, IT, Science and Technology, to Cultural and Academic Exchanges and Capacity Building.
