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**Round Table Discussion with
a delegation from Vietnam led by
H.E. Amb. Dang Dinh Quy
President, Diplomatic Academy of Vietnam**

A delegation led by Ambassador Dang Dinh Quy, President of the Diplomatic Academy of Vietnam (DAV), visited the Indian Council of World Affairs on April 8, 2013, to have a roundtable discussion on South China Sea, and Maritime Issues in the Indo-Pacific region.

The Director General of ICWA, Ambassador Rajiv K. Bhatia, welcomed the visiting delegation, and pointed out that the bilateral discussion was aimed at enriching and deepening mutual understanding between the two countries.



Ambassador Rajiv Bhatia, DG, ICWA welcoming H.E. Amb. Dang Dinh Quy, President of the Diplomatic Academy of Vietnam

Ambassador J.C. Sharma chairing the discussion highlighted that the India-Vietnam relationship was unique for the lack of any irritants. The two countries have shared good relations historically, marked by mutual trust and similar outlook on bilateral, regional and international issues.

Various issues pertaining to the South China Sea dispute were discussed in the context of regional peace and stability. The discussion also dwelt on ASEAN's role in resolving the dispute and its spillover effect on ASEAN solidarity.

There was a consensus among the participants that the territorial and maritime claims in the region should be resolved under the ambit of international law, maintaining freedom of navigation for the larger world.



(L-R) Mr. Nguyen Tuan Anh, First Secretary, Embassy of Vietnam, New Delhi, H.E. Amb. Dang Dinh Quy, President, Diplomatic Academy of Vietnam, Amb. Rajiv Bhatia, DG, ICWA & Amb. J. C. Sharma
