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Roundtable discussion with H.E. Mr. Pham Quang-Vinh on Regional Issues

Indian Council of World Affairs organized a Roundtable Discussion with H.E. Mr. Pham Quang-Vinh, Vice Minister of Foreign Affairs of Vietnam on "Regional Issues" at Sapru House on 5th September, 2012. His delegation comprised of H.E. Mr. Nguyen Thanh Tan, Ambassador of Vietnam to India, Mr Nguyen Quoc Dung, Director General of Economic Department of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Vietnam, among other delegates.

Shri Rajiv Bhatia, Director General of the Indian Council of World Affairs, welcomed the visiting delegates and drew the broad contours for the discussions like India's evolving and extending world view, the centrality and Community building efforts of ASEAN and India-Vietnam Relations. H.E. Mr. Pham Quang-Vinh, very lucidly dealt with these issues in the form of institutional and other challenges faced by ASEAN and the role of major powers as stakeholders in the region.

A number of pointed questions were raised by the Indian delegates consisting of former diplomats and academicians. Both the sides agreed that the two countries have a long history of mutual co-operation and trust which needs to be further strengthened through enhanced co-operation at bilateral and regional level.

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