

**Message from the Chinese People's
Association for Peace and Disarmament
(CPAPD) on the Implementation of Human
Rights in Vietnam**

1. The CPAPD always attaches great importance to its participation in the UN Human Right Council related activities, and hereby would like to express our appreciation of Vietnam's achievements in the protection and promotion of human rights.

2. We noticed that the Vietnamese government has made great efforts to strengthen its legal system and policies and enhance its international cooperation in the field of human rights, with the aim of protecting and promoting the political, economic, social and cultural human rights of its people.

3. When the Socialist Republic of Vietnam was founded in 1976, it clearly stipulates that it is a State of the people, by the people and for the people. Its 1992 Constitution ensures people's equal rights in all political, economic, social areas as well as before the law; the right to freedom of religion and belief; the right to freedom of movement and residence within Vietnam; the right to complain and criticize; the right to work, study and enjoy health care etc., regardless of their sex, social status, belief and religion.

4. Many laws has also been adopted and amended by Vietnamese National Assembly with a view to create enabling legal foundation for respecting and enforcing human rights.

5. The right to petition and complain, the right to religion and belief and the right to freedom of press and information of its people have also respected and protected by its consistent policies.

6. Meanwhile, significant achievements in the cause of socio-economic development in Vietnam have also been witnessed.

7. As a result, the rate of households under national poverty line has been reduced to 9.5% in 2011 as compared with 60% in 1990; the education and training budget has increased annually, making 20% total public expenditure; consistent efforts have been made to facilitate every people in enjoying their rights to health, with priority given to women, children and people of ethnic minorities, and the mortality rate among children under 5 decreases from 5.8% in 1990 to 2.4% in 2011, etc.

8. Furthermore, the Vietnamese government has also been strengthening its international cooperation in the field of human rights year after year. At present, Vietnam is a party of almost all core international human rights treaties, and Vietnam also invited 4 special procedures of the Human Rights Council from July 2010 to

November 2011 to implement the accepted UPR recommendations.

9. In addition, Vietnam has also initiated various campaigns to raise people's awareness of human rights protection, with participation of different social sectors. Exchanges and cooperation have been conducted regarding the promotion of human rights both domestically and internationally.

10. As an NGO in Special Consultative Status with the UN ECOSOC and an NGO that have frequent exchanges on the issue of promotion and protection of human rights with our counterparts, we appreciate the fact that the Vietnamese people are encouraged and provided with conditions to exercise their fundamental human rights as stipulated by the law.