

**Embassy of India
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Press Release

Celebration of Constitution Day

Embassy of India, Hanoi celebrated the Constitution Day of India at the Embassy premises to commemorate the 70th years of adoption of the Constitution of India by the Constituent Assembly.

The Constitution of India was adopted on 26 November 1949 and came into effect from 26 January 1950 when India became a sovereign Republic. In 2015, the Government of India announced to commemorate this day every year as the Constitution Day to pay tributes to the members of the Constituent Assembly for their seminal role in framing of the Indian Constitution.

Ambassador of India to Vietnam, Pranay Verma, in his address on this occasion, highlighted the importance of the Constitution in India's developmental journey as an independent country and its transformation as a strong modern nation. He recalled the sacrifices and determination of the founding fathers of India, and their hard work which went into the drafting of the largest constitution of an independent nation.

Director General of the Vietnam Institute of Indian and Southwest Asian Studies at the Vietnam Academy of Social Science, Dr. Nguyen Xuan Trung, and Chairwoman of Vietnam-India Friendship Association, Madam Phan Lan Tu also spoke on the occasion. They noted the remarkable developments achieved by India since the adoption of the Constitution in 1949.

Two documentaries on the Indian Constitution "Making of Indian Constitution", and "Spirit of Freedom" were screened to showcase the evolution of the Constitution and its basic features. A Photo Exhibition on the Indian Constitution was also displayed.

Several representatives, from all walks of life, including officials from party, government, academia, think tank, media, friendship organisations, and cultural institutions attended along with members of the Indian community.

To mark the occasion, members of the Embassy also read out the Preamble of the Constitution of India. A separate event to celebrate the Constitution Day was also organized by the Consulate General of India in Ho Chi Minh City.

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