

**MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
NATIONAL DEFENCE ACADEMY**

CURRICULUM

**THE 1st TRAINING COURSE FOR INTERNATIONAL
HIGH-RANKING MILITARY OFFICERS
AT THE NATIONAL DEFENCE ACADEMY**

Duration: 3 months in 2008

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Based on the decision No 55/CT-BQP issued by the Minister of Defence on 02 May 2007 on the task of international cooperation on training international high-ranking military officers at the National Defence Academy as well as on the Curriculum No 683/CTr-HL1 issued by the National Defence Academy on 24 April 2007 and approved by the Minister of Defence on 27 April 2007 on opening the first training course for international high-ranking military officers, the Curriculum for the 1st Training course for international high-ranking military officers at the National Defence Academy is prescribed as follows:

I. TRAINING AIMS, REQUIREMENTS AND PARTICIPANTS

1. Aims

- To carry out the policy of the Party, State and Military of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam on military foreign relations and defence cooperation in the new period.
- To provide International learners with some basic knowledge on Vietnam's politics, economy, culture, national defence and security in order to foster understanding and good feeling towards Vietnam, enhance friendship, solidarity, cooperation and mutual understanding between Vietnam and other countries, contributing to building up confidence and securing peace, stability and security in the region and in the world.
- To study and exchange academic issues on the fields of training-education, national defence and security, contributing to upgrading military knowledge and meeting the need to expand international relations in the region and in the world.

2. Requirements

- To grasp thoroughly the viewpoint and foreign policy of the Party and State in conformity with the treaties and commitments between Vietnamese Government and Ministry of Defence and related countries.
- The curriculum must be practical and suitable with the real situation.
- It should be realistic, scientific and up-to-date in order to meet the international learners' needs to study and do research.
- It is necessary to give firm and timely directions and guidance, have close cooperation and coordination and make good preparations for opening the course as the plan.

3. Participants

The course participants are mainly military high-ranking and senior civilian officials selected according to each nation's requirements and the treaties and agreements between the two nations, between Vietnam's Ministry of Defence and Defence Ministries of ASEAN countries and those of Asia-Pacific Region and other countries.

International learners should meet the requirements of knowledge and health which are agreed by the Defence Ministry of Vietnam and other defence ministries. The international learners are required to be good at English to learn at the National Defence Academy through translation from Vietnamese into English.

II. TRAINING DURATION

- Overall duration of the course: 3 months : 92 days
 - + Time for breaks (weekends, holidays) : 15 days
 - + Flexible time (reserve duration) : 2 days
 - + Time duration for study tours, excursions and supplementary training (every Saturday) : 13 days
 - + Actual training duration : 62 days
- Opening and closing time:
 - + Opening day: 4 March 2008
 - + Closing day: 3 June 2008

III. COURSE SYLLABUS

Serial	General syllabus	Duration (days)	Remarks
I	Lectures and studies on issues about Vietnam	30	
II	Lectures and studies on some international and regional issues	15	
III	Exchange of practical experiences in solving some problems of national defence-security	8	
IV	Other training activities	9	
	Overall:	62	

IV. DETAILED SYLLABUS

I	LECTURES AND STUDIES ON ISSUES ABOUT VIETNAM: 30 DAYS	
	Theme 1. Vietnamese culture and society:	7 days
1	<i>Lecture:</i> Vietnam's history of national foundation and protection	
2	<i>Lecture:</i> Vietnam with the issue on building and developing the culture	
3	<i>Lecture:</i> Some fundamental issues on social policy of Vietnam	
4	<i>Lecture:</i> Vietnam with the issue on ethnicity, religion, democracy and human rights	
5	Seminar preparation (with the teachers' guidance)	
6	<i>Seminar</i>	
	Theme 2. Vietnam's politics and economy:	7 days
1	<i>Lecture:</i> Vietnam's political system	
2	<i>Lecture:</i> Economic development in Vietnam	
3	<i>Lecture:</i> Vietnam's foreign policy	
4	<i>Lecture:</i> Vietnam after 20 year renovation	
5	Preparation of seminar (with the teacher's guidance)	
6	<i>Seminar</i>	

	Theme 3. Vietnam's military, national defence, and security: 16 days
1	<i>Lecture:</i> Vietnam's military culture
2	<i>Lecture:</i> Vietnam's history of military art
3	<i>Lecture:</i> Vietnamese People's War
4	<i>Lecture:</i> Vietnam's National Defence policy
5	<i>Lecture:</i> Some issues on Vietnam's security strategy
6	Briefing: On the 1954 Dien Bien Phu Campaign
7	Briefing: On the 1972 Air-defence operation
8	Briefing: On the 1975 Ho Chi Minh Campaign
9	Briefing on some historical, cultural and military heritages and study tour to the 4 th Military Region (Vinh Moc, Quang Tri, Khe Sanh, etc.)
10	Preparation for seminar (with the teacher's guidance)
11	<i>Seminar</i>
12	<i>Report</i>
II	LECTURES AND STUDIES ON SOME INTERNATIONAL AND REGIONAL ISSUES: 15 days
	Theme 4: International and regional defence and security: 11 days
1	<i>Self-study:</i> International security and issues on maintaining international security today
2	<i>Self-study:</i> Terrorism and Anti-terrorism
3	<i>Self-study:</i> National territorial sovereignty of Vietnam
4	<i>Self-study:</i> Issues on Non-traditional security
5	<i>Self-study:</i> Some issues on ASEAN cooperation
6	Preparation for seminar (with the teacher's guidance)
7	<i>Seminar</i>
8	<i>Report</i>
	Theme 5. Some military issues: 4 days
1	<i>Self-study:</i> Today's conception on Wars
2	<i>Self-study:</i> Today's tendency of building armed forces

3	Preparation for seminar
4	<i>Seminar</i>
III.	EXCHANGE OF PRACTICAL EXPERIENCES IN SOLVING SOME PROBLEMS ON NATIONAL DEFENCE-SECURITY : 8 days
1	Exchange of practical experiences in solving the situations at sea
2	Dealing with environmental disasters
IV	OTHER TRAINING ACTIVITIES : 9 days
1	Briefing: On the National Defence Academy of Vietnam
2	Country presentations by the international learners
3	Opening, closing and summing up remarks
4	Final paper

STUDY TOURS, EXCURSION AND SUPPLEMENTARY TRAINING ACTIVITIES
(Every Saturday, Duration: 13 days)

1	Study tours to other units: 4 days
-	Tien Hai militia company (Thai Binh province)
-	Military Officers' Training College No 1
-	Briefing on the experiences in clearing bombs and mines; visit to the Technological Centre for bombs and mines clearance, Engineering Arm
-	Tour to Hoa Binh Hydroelectric Plant
2	Excursion to historical and cultural heritages: 7 days
-	Excursion to Hung King Temple
-	Excursion to Con Son - Kiep Bac and Chi Linh Golf Court
-	Excursion to Quoc Tu Giam-Literature Temple
-	Excursion to Ha Long Bay, the World Cultural Heritage (Quang Ninh)
-	Excursions to Historical Museum and Revolutionary Museum
-	Excursion to Museum of Military History
-	Excursion to Air-force & Air-defence Museum, Museum of Victory over B52
-	Museum of Vietnam Ethnological Museum
3	Supplementary training: 2 days
-	Cultural and sport activities
-	Introduction about Vietnamese language

IV. TRAINING ORGANIZATION AND METHOD

A. Organization

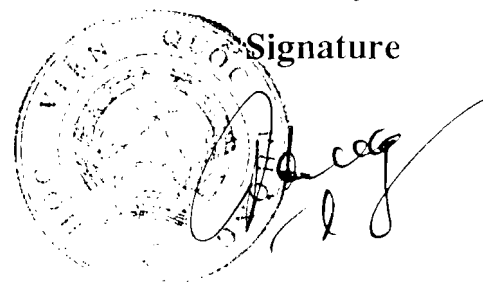
- A multi-national class is organized.
- The lectures are taught in Vietnamese and translated into English.

B. Method

- The lectures are closely and appropriately combined with the learners' self-study, in-country study tours, seminars, discussions, reports, etc. according to determined themes.
- To pay attention to learners' self-study and encourage them to give their own opinions and presentations.
- The learners are to write graduate reports at the end of the course.
- Having completed the course, learners will be given Graduation Certificates by the National Defence Academy of Vietnam. *lq.*

The Academy Director

Signature



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