

VIETNAM

HO CHI MINH CITY

EVENTS DOSSIER

An 4 day / 3 nights events
program to Saigon

Prepared by
Asia Concierge



	DAY ONE	DAY TWO	DAY THREE	DAY FOUR
DESTINATION	HOME PORT TO HO CHI MINH CITY	HO CHI MINH CITY	HO CHI MINH CITY	HO CHI MINH CITY TO HOME PORT
BREAKFAST	NA	At hotel	At hotel	At hotel
MORNING	In flight	Travel Program : Morning 'Saigon Immersion' with special modes of transport	Travel Program : Optional Touring Five Senses of Saigon Immersive Culinary Mekong River Life Delta Rivers & Markets	Morning at leisure until transfer to airport
LUNCH				
AFTERNOON	Group arrives at Ho Chi Minh City (Saigon) airport and transfer to hotel	Afternoon Rivers and Tunnels (Cu Chi)	Optional touring continued	
EVENING	Welcome function at hotel	Saigon Bar Hopping OR Dine Around	Chill Sky Bar Event or Former Presidential Palace (other event options available)	
OVERNIGHT	Park Hyatt	Park Hyatt	Park Hyatt	In flight



ARRIVAL

- Fast track airport arrival service
- Separate luggage vans
- 4 x 16 seat coaster vehicles
- Private guide per vehicle
- Jasmine floral welcome
- 20 Ao Dai ladies on arrival at hotel




WELCOME EVENT AT PARK HYATT POOL HOUSE
SAIGON



Inclusions:

- Private venue hire
- Standing cocktail tables on veranda
- Pre dinner drinks on veranda
- Elegant table settings with jasmine/frangipani scented floral arrangement
- Heavy canapé dinner with casual seating at Pool House
- Free flow wine, beer, soft drink x 2 hours
- Jazz band music or string quartet



SAIGON IMMERSION

DEPART 0830 - 1200 / LUNCH AND AFTERNOON CU CHI (optional extension)

Ho Chi Minh City, commonly referred to as Saigon by all. A city of contrasts, from ancient pagodas and ramshackle shops to sleek skyscrapers and gourmet restaurants, seamlessly blending together the old and the new.

A short walk from the hotel leads us to the Opera House where our 40 colourful vespas will be waiting to whisk the group off through the streets of Saigon. We motor scooter past the Notre Dame Cathedral completed in 1880 and constructed entirely with imported materials from France. Across the road sits the grand Central Post Office, designed by a French architect with neoclassical architecture, vaulted roof, elaborate floor tiles and arched windows that are more reminiscent of European railway stations rather than the average post office.

Then continue through the side streets for our first stop at the Reunification Palace. Once known as the Presidential Palace served as central command for the South Vietnamese effort against the communist northern forces. It is now a

capsule, unchanged by history and preserved in all its splendour, with the 1960's kitsch décor, archaic computer and telephone systems and underground bunkers covered in strategic war maps.

From here we change transport to old Army Jeeps to Tanh Dinh market - one of the oldest in the city and away from the commercial tourist centre. A bustling market selling everything you could ever imagine from the wet market, to the food stalls and small clothing outlets. We make a stop at Emperor Jade Pagoda. Built in the early 20th century by a Chinese man, who left China and went to Vietnam to live and do business. The Jade Emperor is known as the supreme god who heads and manages all things in heaven and earth.

From here a coach transfer take us to the riverside where we have the option to enjoy lunch at the chic Ros Yacht Club **(optional - see extension notes)**



Inclusions :

- 1 x vespa per guest with driver (helmet provided)
- Visits to sites as noted
- Army jeep transportation (3 per jeep)
- 1 x guide per 15 guests. Coach on standby
- Ladies in yolks appearing to serve drinks
- Private Tai Chi Class in park (optional)

Day Extension :

End program with lunch at ROS Yacht Club and after lunch continue by boat to Cu Chi Tunnels (see following content).





Saigon Dining
ROS YACHT CLUB, SAIGON RIVER



Lunch or dinner option

ROS Yacht Club

A key player in Saigon's food and drink scene. ROS is a day-to-night, Pan-Asian restaurant with nautical vibes and a hint of Cote d'Azur style.

More than just an exquisite meal with a panoramic riverfront view, dining experience at ROS meant to engage all of the senses by offering a chance to savor an innovative Pan-Asian cuisine, sip on a range of exotic cocktails, and immerse oneself in the serenity of the Saigon river. Regardless of the time of visit, from the morning well through the late night, ROS with its calming river view will take guests away from the urban fabric of the city - just for a while.

In the evening when illuminated buildings in the distance grow brighter and the night gets darker, ROS lights up and ready to make the evenings more memorable by indulging guests in an assortment of fun nightlife activities.

Inclusions :

- Private use of dining room (pending max no.)
- Pre dinner drinks on the terrace (if required)
- BBQ dining menu (buffet recommended)
- Free flow drinks during meal
- Return by coach (10 mins) or pick up speedboat for Cu Chi Tunnels if utilising venue for luncheon
- Evening entertainment options of DJ, dance floor, jazz, pop, dancing troupe etc.

Note: A private luxury yacht is available for river cruise and dining but is limited capacity at 20 persons.



Saigon River speedboat journey

RIVERS AND TUNNELS

DEPART 0830 - RETURN 1300 * or DEPART 1330 - RETURN 1800

Our riverboat awaits as it leaves the centre of Saigon for the 90 minute cruise towards the Cu Chi district.

The Cu Chi area was used as operational headquarters by Vietcong guerrillas, they were instrumental in numerous military campaigns during the war and played a decisive role in defeating the American forces.

The tunnels were dug using simple tools by hand during the French occupation in the 1940's and expanded further during the Vietnam-American war in the 1960's.

The tunnels were used as hiding spots during combat, as well as serving as communication and supply routes, many people lived in the tunnels and the network was of great importance to the resistance strategy. The Americans tried to destroy the tunnels with heavy bombing campaigns, effectively turning the lush tropical jungle into a pockmarked moonscape.

The 120 km network of tunnels has been preserved and is now a thought provoking war memorial complex. A poignant and captivating program will help guests learn about the effects of the war in an area where over 10,000 people are estimated to have lost their lives.

Braver guests can go into a section of the unrestored tunnels!

Return to the city by motor-coach or speed boat.

NOTE: If this program is offered in the afternoon we highly recommend a return speedboat journey as the rush hour traffic back to the city is often extremely heavy and will add an hour to the trip.



Shooting range option at Cu Chi Tunnels

Inclusions:

- Speedboat transfer to Cu Chi Tunnels site
- Return motor-coach
- Ticketed entrance fees to Cu Chi Tunnels
- Guided tour of Cu Chi Tunnels
- Refreshment drinks at the tunnels
- Snacks, fruit, beer, soft drinks on speedboat

Bullets for shooting range not included (currently \$1.50 per bullet - optional)

NOTE: If having lunch at the ROS Yacht Club the speedboat can collect guests from the pier and continue onto Cu Chi Tunnels.

NOTE: Max capacity is 20 pax per speedboat, up to 120 total capacity



Cu Chi Tunnels



Jackalope

Evening event
SAIGON BAR HOPPING

Saigon has come of age in a post pandemic world. Whilst local beer halls with plastic chairs remain a mainstay, the city has recently seen a boom in small bar proliferation. Many of which are hidden away down alleys or incorporated into old apartment blocks. But these are not basic bars serving just beer and wine. Many are gaining a reputation for creative cocktails lists and fine cuisine.

Whilst these bars are too small for large group gatherings, our bar hopping evening program carefully co-ordinates an interchange of small group parties across a range of establishments during the evening.

It is literally a case of one drink in one bar and another drink in another. Try a select of 4 to 5 different bars each evening with your private vespa driver whisking you off to each one.

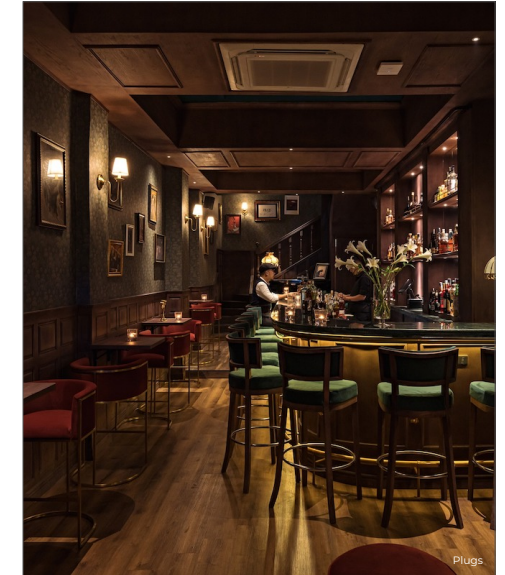
Inclusions:

- Private shuttle vespa driver for the evening x 40
- Army jeep for additional transfers x 5
- Optional branded t shirt (Saigon Bar Crawl)
- Dedicated space at each bar (x 4 or 5)
- Pre paid drink selection
- Canapes and snacks served throughout evening at each bar
- Group coordinator at each bar
- Maximum 70/80 guests (split into parties of 15-20)

Note. Bar selection has not been selected and will change over time pending outcome of arrangements and client requirements.



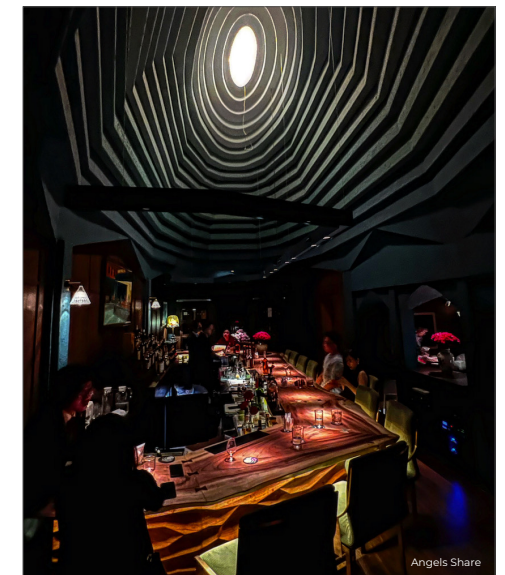
Mizumari Social Club



Plugs



Bar Son



Angels Share



SAIGON DINE AROUND (BY VESPA)

DEPART 1830

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From our short city orientation we end up at one of **three** stylish Vietnamese restaurants for an evening of culinary delight.

Inclusions :

- Individual vespa (one per guest) with driver
- Orientation drive
- Vietnamese set dinner menu
- Free flow wine, beer, soft drink, coffee, tea
- Return coach journey back to hotel



OPTION ONE



Saigon Dine Around QUAN BUI BISTRO

Quán Bụi is quintessential Vietnamese home cooking served in a modern, chic Indochine setting located in the heart of Ho Chi Minh City.

The menu is an eclectic selection of traditional family recipes passed on from time to time. Using only fresh, high quality ingredients this is Vietnamese comfort food executed with love and passion. Family gatherings have always been important in Vietnamese culture, even though nowadays the rising middle class can afford to eat good food in fine restaurants but they still have a subconscious desire to eat dishes which remind them of simple rural life and family warmth.

Leave the hyped tourist restaurants aside and dine where the Vietnamese dine. Quan Bui is for those who want to enjoy real Vietnamese, home made style food with a contemporary Saigon feel.

Vietnam's food scene has evolved in recent years and Quan Bui is one such venue that is bringing the authenticity back within a stylish setting.

Inclusions :

- Private section of restaurant
- Set Vietnamese dinner menu
- Free flow drinks during meal
- Transfers by vespa and return by motor coach



Saigon Dine Around
LAANG SAIGON RESTAURANT



Saigon Dine Around
HOA TUC RESTAURANT





THE FIVE SENSES OF SAIGON

DEPART 0730 - 1100

This short, but fun, morning out incorporates the sights, sounds, smell and taste of Saigon in all its chaotic glory.

Start out in the early morning to visit a small but fascinating pagoda known for its wonderful friezes and art work and the smell of large burning incense coils. Watch locals enter and prayer for good fortune and health. Your smells will be put on full alert here. Continue to awaken your sense of taste with a cup of Vietnamese coffee at one of the many local, cool hangouts. Try your hand at a Egg coffee or the classic condensed milk coffee.

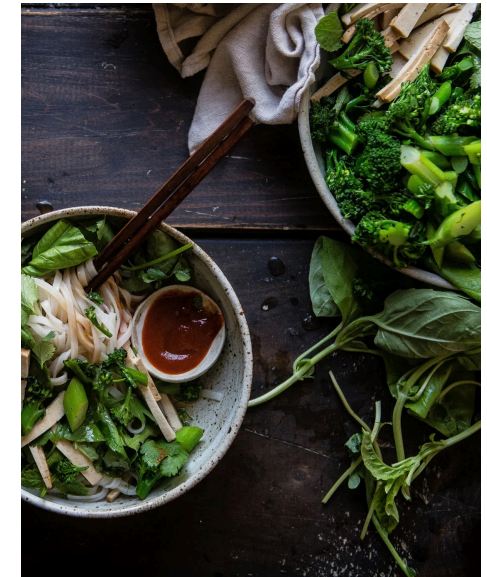
After our pick me up challenge your skills by joining and practicing with our Tai Chi instructor in a nearby local park while enjoying typical Vietnamese music. Stretch the muscles and learn some of the more typical exercise moves that form part of this art form.

Then take in the view of the city panoramic landscape at the Skydeck on 49th floor of the Bitexco Tower, located in the heart of the city. It is hear the sweeping expanse of Saigon can be seen into the horizon. The sheer level of development is astonishing when seen from above.

Return to the hotel thereafter or enjoy some free time shopping and wandering the busy streets.

Inclusions :

- Private transportation
- Visits to sites as noted
- 1 x guide per 10 guests.
- Private Tai Chi class in local park
- Vietnamese coffee break in local cafe
- Entry ticket to Skydeck viewing level



IMMERSIVE CULINARY EXPERIENCE

DEPART 1000 - 1400

Embark on a journey through the culinary traditions of Vietnam. Local chefs meticulously curate a daily menu inspiring guests from every corner of the world to discover Vietnam's vibrant culinary heritage.

Accompanied by our chefs, we start our foray with a visit to a local produce market offering insight into how the Vietnamese procure meats and vegetables on a daily basis. Each visitor experiences firsthand the bustling wet markets that continue to be a part of Vietnamese people's daily lives. We also learn how to bargain for produce through proper market etiquette.

A private restaurant space is set up for our food preparation. Each guest is assigned a private cook-station and provided the necessary ingredients to perfect a meticulously curated menu of classic Vietnamese dishes. Add new recipes and techniques to your culinary repertoire, all while experiencing firsthand the culture and heritage behind Vietnamese cooking.

Inclusions :

- Chef guided four course cooking class
- In-depth market visit
- Private cooking stations in private venue
- Vegetable carving and plating
- Elegant Vietnamese cookbook
- Branded apron (if required)
- Free flow drinks during class and lunch
- Dine on what you cook



Local sampan



Mekong River boats

MEKONG RIVER LIFE

DEPART 0730 - 1700

The Mekong Delta is a rich fertile region of farmland interlaced with countless waterways crisscrossed by low-lying rice paddies. Today you will explore one of the country's most enchanting landscapes travelling by car and then motorised sampan (a flat bottomed wooden boat) into the 'rice bowl' of Vietnam.

Exploring Ben Tre, one of the lesser-visited provinces in the Mekong Delta, you will cruise along the Ham Luong River visiting small factories that provide an insight into how the local economy works. Stops include a brickworks, where bricks are still painstakingly made by hand, a salt refinery, a coconut processing workshop where you can sample fresh coconut and see how every single part of this versatile nut is turned into food and other products, and a mat weaving house, where straw mats are woven using a hand loom – you can even have a go at weaving yourself!

Stop at a peaceful village for a short walk to see more of local life in the community before travelling by bicycle or xe loi, a design of cyclo used only in the Delta, through fruit orchards before stopping at a riverside restaurant for a delicious lunch.

The lunch will feature local specialities such as elephant ear fish and river shrimp. After lunch, there will be time to explore the garden or wander along the riverbanks with your guide before taking a rowing boat along narrow canals back to the main boat. Return to the pier in Ben Tre and transfer back to Ho Chi Minh City by vehicle.

Inclusions :

- Private transportation
- Visits to sites as noted
- 1 x guide per 10 guests.
- Lunch and 1 x beer, soft drink with meal
- Village bicycle ride - optional addition



Local Cao Dai Temple

DELTA RIVERS & MARKETS (by speedboat)

DEPART 0800 - 1600

Travel by speedboat through downtown Ho Chi Minh directly into the 'rice bowl' of Vietnam and enjoy a light snacks on board. As you slip away from the city, via narrow canals, you enter the verdant green tributaries of the Mekong Delta.

Enjoy a brief stop at the ornate, overwater Tuong Van Pagoda, whilst your guide explains the importance of Buddhism to the many people of the Delta. Visit a bustling, colourful riverside market full of local curiosities, tropical fruits and all manner of fish and shellfish.

Mid-morning, reach the idyllic watery expanses of the Delta itself, known as the 'Delta of Nine Dragons' after the nine tributaries that splinter from the main Mekong River. Turn-ing off the Delta into small, winding canals of the Thu Thua area, drift along lazily shaded by a canopy of foliage. Spend time at family homes where you'll be invited to enjoy some refreshing, freshly cut coconuts and fiery Mekong whisky.



Mekong mangoes off to market

Lunch will be on the site of an orphanage run by Buddhist monks and a portion of the proceeds from your tour today helps support the school. The chef will prepare many Vietnamese dishes for lunch including the unusually-named fried elephant ear fish, a Mekong Delta speciality.

After lunch, visit the nearby Cao Dai Temple; a riot of colours celebrating a combination of different religions. Cruising through the Delta's canals there are countless opportunities to capture amazing photos of the scenery and local people as the boat passes buffalo's being used to plough fruit orchards and rice fields and other bucolic scenes. Return by speedboat back to Ho Chi Minh City in the mid afternoon.

Inclusions :

- Private transportation
- Visits to sites as noted
- 1 x guide per 10 guests.
- Lunch and 1 x beer, soft drink with meal



Long Tan Golf Course



Long Tan Golf Course

GOLFING FOR A DAY

DEPART 0630 - 1700

Ron Cream designed, the Long Thanh Golf Club offers 36 holes in the former rice paddies and scenic countryside surrounding Saigon. The Ho Chi Minh City golf course is located 30 kilometers north of the city on a bluff with unobstructed views of the Vietnamese capital.

The Hill Course features rolling fairways and large undulating greens. Large oil palms frame each hole. The Lake Course is characterized by many high-lipped bunkers and water hazards on almost every hole to catch errant shots. Both courses feature Paspalum grassed fairways and tee boxes.

Putting greens use Tifdwarf Bermuda grass which can roll anywhere from 8 to 10. This combination of grasses matches other top courses in the region. The rough at Long Thanh is cut relatively short and poses no real challenge.

All 36 holes have their character shape, and this wide variety makes for good challenges for both serious amateurs and professional golfers. Higher handicappers might prefer the Lake Course, however, which is relatively flatter.

The club has also spared no expense to build an elaborate clubhouse. The locker and changing rooms might be the plushest in Saigon. Ask for a shoe shine after your round. The main restaurant serves a fine selection of both Vietnamese and Western food for golfers after their rounds in both indoor and outdoor settings.

Inclusions :

- Return private transportation
- Caddie and club hire
- 8 hole round
- Lunch and free flow beer, wine, soft drink

NOTE : Due to the heat of the day we recommend an early a tee off as possible



The Fine Arts Museum



Mekong mangoes off to market

MUSEUMS & MARKETS

DEPART 0830 - 1200

Ho Chi Minh City offers a variety of museums to suit one's interest. From educational and impactful war history (Museum of War Remnants), to ancient history of the country (History Museum) to its eclectic history of the arts (Fine Arts Museum).

On this half day program select your preference of museum to visit with an escorted guide.

Enjoy a brief stop afterwards at a local Vietnamese cafe for a cool beverage (the the local Cafe Sua Da - the sweet but delicious local iced coffee pick me up).

Thereafter visit one of the city's popular markets. Whether you are after a local souvenir or brick a brac (Ben Thanh Market) or wish to see how a local market functions without tourist influence (Tan Dinh market) or for the colour and spectacle of flowers, (the Ho Thi Ky Flower Market).

Inclusions :

- Private transportation
- Visits to sites as noted
- Entrance fee to museums
- 1 x guide per 5 guests (min sign up).

NOTE : This program can be offered with multiple museum combinations for a more extensive tour.



Chill Bar

Evening event
SAIGON NIGHT MOVES



Fashion parade on steps



Chill Bar Terrace

SAIGON NIGHT MOVES - CHILL BAR
SAIGON

Saigon's hippest nightlife spot, a two-story restaurant and bar located on the twenty-sixth floor of an unassuming office block in the heart of the city.

Designed by the same creators as the Sirocco Bar in Bangkok, the venue deserves its lofty reputation. This sophisticated and happening place serves an excellent range of wines and cocktails.

The city's flat topography lends itself to a rooftop bar providing impressive views of this vibrant and ever changing city. Guests can watch the sun set and the lights come on as the city comes alive!

The Chill Bar is the ideal setting for a private drinks reception and/or a standing party event with heavy canapés and a variety of contemporary entertainment.

Chill becomes very popular with the local set from 8pm onwards and is particularly crowded during the later hours which adds to the party atmosphere.

Inclusions :

- Private section of venue
- Free flow drinks and cocktails (3 hours)
- Heavy canapés served (recommended)
- DJ option
- Contemporary dancers on bar (optional)
- Modern fashion show on stairs (optional)
- Other entertainment options available.

Note: Event pricing is based on day of the week and exact time frame for private function. We recommend we take a private section until 8pm, thereafter allowing outside guests. Exclusive use is not possible unless buy out.



The Palace at night

Evening event
A NIGHT AT THE PALACE



Floral display and photo gallery of old Saigon



1960's memorabilia



Long table dining

A NIGHT AT THE PALACE (REUNIFICATION HALL)

SAIGON

Commence the evening with a 'jeep' or 'vespa' transfer to the former Presidential Palace, once the home of the infamous President Diem, and the headquarters for the South Vietnamese during the war years.

Today, the venue remains as a museum where time has stood still. The underground war rooms are accessible and bring the history of its war torn past to light. The large air conditioned banquet hall can be transformed into a gorgeous old French quarter with tables decorated in French style and the menu representing the days of Indochine, complete with a gallery of old Saigon black and white photographs. Dream back to the days under the French "Tri-Colour" when their powerful influence on culture transformed the streets of Saigon.

Savor the delights of traditional French cuisine infused with the best of wonderful Vietnamese herbs and kick up your heels to the live jazz band or high energy acts.

The second smaller banquet hall can be transformed into a 1960's military headquarters complete with military maps, old army radios and typewriters, camouflage gear, old phones various other 60's war memorabilia. white 'ao dai'. The location is also the ideal setting for a modern take on a Vietnamese fashion show.

Inclusions :

- Private venue hire
- Free flow drinks and cocktails (3 hours)
- Private viewing of war rooms
- Plated fine dining
- Vespa or Jeep transfer
- Jazz through the ages
- Contemporary dancers on stage
- Modern 'ao dai' fashion show
- Other entertainment options available.



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Asia Concierge

Why us?

Ever evolving, ever changing ... that's Asia in general. But no where is the pace of development as fast as found in the major cities of Vietnam.

Asia Concierge may be a new operator to market, however, it is managed at all levels by veterans and pioneer of the events industry in Asia.

Its Vietnam team have always been proud to lead the industry with the development of creative content and the sourcing of new venues.

The company's Co Founding Partner, Paul Levrier, was the initial creator of events at the former Presidential Palace in Saigon, the first to turn the Fine Arts Museum and the Botanical Gardens into the event spaces they are today.

Under his direction he conceived exclusive use of the Temple of Literature in Hanoi and was the first to take over the Co Loa Citadel on its outskirts when incentive travel to Vietnam was in its infancy. The vespa tours that are now so popular in the main cities of Vietnam was first devised and created by Paul via connections at a small vespa club in Ho Chi Minh City way back in 2004! Most recently, he led the operation of an event at the previously 'out of bounds' Hanoi Citadel in the heart of the city for 300 guests.

But our relentless pursuit does not stop there. Venues that have been tried and tested are now looked at with fresh eyes, taking concepts, theming and creative content beyond previous boundaries. New venue sourcing is ongoing, constantly on the look out for locations that are authentic and representative of Vietnam's rich culture.

This approach to our business extends to our excursion offerings. Not content with regular tour activities, a destination's highlights are brought to life with fine touches and elements that bring a sense of fun, exploration and further cultural understanding to the guest, leaving behind an indelible memory on ones time in Vietnam.

"Our legacy may have been created by the past, but we want to be remembered for what we are creating today and tomorrow."

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