



**PRESS RELEASE**

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**EXHIBITION**

**"AGENT ORANGE – CONSCIENCE & JUSTICE, DA NANG 2013"**

**July 23rd through August 12<sup>th</sup>, 2013**

**Opening Ceremony at 14:30, July 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2013**

**Location: Da Nang Museum (24 Tran Phu St., Da Nang, Viet Nam)**

**Background:**

- The 52-years of human and environmental disaster as a result of Agent Orange/dioxin sprayed on the People of and the Country of Viet Nam (August 10<sup>th</sup>, 1961 – August 10<sup>th</sup>, 2013).
- Commemorating this year's 10 year anniversary of the establishment of the Viet Nam Association of Victims of Agent Orange/dioxin.
- Exhibition established as a result of coordination between The Viet Nam Ministry of Defence - Chemistry Arms, and The Viet Nam Association of Victims of Agent Orange/dioxin.

**Participating agencies:**

***Steering agencies:***

- Viet Nam Association for Victims of Agent Orange/dioxin (VAVA)
- The People's Committee of Da Nang
- The 5<sup>th</sup> Military District of Viet Nam
- The Chemistry Arms of The Viet Nam Ministry of Defence

***Performance agencies:***

- Chemical Museum of The Ministry of Defence
- Da Nang Museum
- Da Nang Association for Victims of Agent Orange/dioxin (DAVA)

***Coordinating agencies:***

- The Da Nang Veterans Association
- Da Nang Youth Union

**Purpose:**

- Promote and raise public awareness at home and abroad about the ongoing consequences of Agent Orange/dioxin on the people and environment of Viet Nam.
- Promote the support of communities at home and abroad about the ongoing journey for justice for the victims of Agent Orange in Viet Nam; to the US Government who sprayed Agent Orange on Viet Nam and the Vietnamese, and the US chemical companies who manufactured Agent Orange.
- Share and express the deep sympathy for, and sharing the experiences of the Victims of Agent Orange/dioxin in Viet Nam who have and continue to suffer birth defects, multiple illnesses, disabilities, pain, death and many extreme life difficulties.

**Exhibition Content:**

- Part 1: The disaster of Agent Orange/dioxin in Viet Nam
- Part 2: The overcoming of Viet Nam for the consequences of chemical war
- Part 3: The Journey for justice of victims of Agent Orange
- Part 4: Hands to heal the pain of victims of Agent Orange
- Part 5: The overcoming and Good-Hearts for victims of Agent Orange
- Part 6: The operations of The Da Nang Association of Victims of Agent Orange/dioxin, The Da Nang Veterans Association, The Da Nang Youth Union

**Exhibition Catalog:**

- Pictures and artifacts of spraying Agent Orange/dioxin by the U.S. military in Viet Nam.
- Pictures and artifacts of the ravages of Agent Orange/dioxin on the environment and people of Viet Nam.
- Pictures and artifacts of the pain and misery of the Viet Nam victims of Agent Orange /dioxin.
- Pictures and artifacts, video clips of DAVA, showcase products made by the children of Agent Orange at DAVA's Centers.
- Pictures and artifacts of remediation and clean-up of dioxin in the environment in Viet Nam.

**Participants:**

- Leaders of the Ministry of Defence, Chemistry Arms
- Leaders of VAVA
- Officials and employees from all public and private agencies and departments in Da Nang
- Students from youth groups and clubs as well as volunteers
- Da Nang citizens, residents and tourists at home and abroad

**Da Nang Association Of Victims Of Agent Orange/dioxin**