

SCHOLARS AT RISK

N E T W O R K

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Re: Professor Pham Minh Hoang

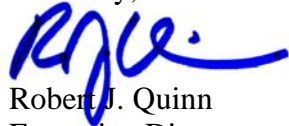
Your Excellency:

I write on behalf of the Scholars at Risk Network with regard to Professor Pham Minh Hoang, a lecturer of mathematics at Ho Chi Minh City Polytechnic Institute. We wrote to you earlier on September 3, 2010. We wish to express again our grave concern for Professor Hoang who was arrested on August 13, 2010. He has been charged with “attempting to overthrow the socialist government” and will face trial on August 10, 2011, just three days before the one-year anniversary of his imprisonment. His detention and trial suggest retaliation against a scholar for the peaceful exercise of fundamental rights of free expression and association that are guaranteed in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, to which Vietnam is party.

In advance of Professor Hoang’s trial, we again respectfully urge you to examine the circumstances of his detention and, pending his earliest release, ensure his access to legal counsel, family and medical care. We further urge you to ensure that Professor Hoang’s case is addressed in a manner consistent with internationally recognized standards of due process and fair trial, in accordance with Vietnam’s obligations under international law.

We appreciate your immediate attention to this important matter and look forward to your earliest reply as we continue to monitor Professor Hoang’s situation.

Sincerely,



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