

**President Ho Chi Minh's Testament
The Central Committee of the Communist Party of Viet Nam
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Marking my 75th Birthday (Hanoi, 15 May 1965)

‘All comrades must preserve the unity and oneness of mind of the Party as the apple of their eye.’ pp36-36

‘.... every cadre must be deeply imbued with *revolutionary* morality and show industry, thrift, integrity, uprightness, total dedication to the public interest and complete selflessness.’ p36

‘.... both “red” and “expert”, in the building of socialism.’ p36

‘The Party must work out effective *plans* for economic and cultural development so as constantly to *improve the life of our people*.’ p37

‘I hope that our Party will do its best to contribute effectively to the restoration of unity among the fraternal parties on the basis of Marxism-Leninism and proletarian internationalism, in a way which conforms to both reason and sentiment.’ pp36-37

In his 78th year

‘..... the first thing to be done will be to rectify the Party, so as to make every Party member, every Youth Union member, every cell strive to fulfil the tasks entrusted to them and to wholeheartedly serve the people. If this is done, we shall be able to carry through all our undertakings, however important and difficult.’ p42

‘.... farming cooperatives must under no circumstances let them suffer from want.’ p43

‘The young members of the people’s armed forces and the young volunteers have all been tempered in battle and have proved their courage. The Party and the Government must select a number of the best elements and send them to schools where they are to be taught various professions and trades and trained into cadres and workers with technical skills, sound ideology and firm revolutionary stand. They will make up the main force for the successful construction of socialism in our country.’ p43

‘Once complete victory has been won, I propose that all farming cooperatives should be exempted from the agricultural tax for one year, so as to make people happy and contented and add to their enthusiasm in striving to boost production.’ p44

‘..... multiply schools in which the children will combine study with manual labour.’ p44

Last Tribute of the Central Committee of the Vietnam Workers’ Party

‘Parting from him, we vow:

To go on devoting all our strength to the realization of the lofty ideal of socialism and communism that he set for our working class and people, so as to achieve prosperity for our land and happiness for our countrymen.’ [Bold in the original.] p61

