

**Welcome address at CDNLAO 2009 by Director of National Library of
Vietnam, Mr. Pham The Khang**

Distinguished Guests

Distinguished Delegates from CDNLAO 2009

Ladies and Gentlemen

Dear friends and Colleagues

On behalf of the National Library of Vietnam, it is my honour and great pleasure to warmly welcome dignitaries, distinguished guests and delegates from CDNLAO member libraries to the 17 Meeting of CDNLAO in Hanoi.

This is an annual meeting like other meetings since 1979, however this conference CDNLAO 2009 is specially organized to celebrate the 30 year anniversary of CDNLAO foundation and development. Vietnamese people says: “30 year old man starts their career”. This means that at the age of 30, man shows their mature in thinking and actions, thus they become real adults. With that thought, we cherish our strong believe that CDNLAO reaches their ages, shows their capacities and will develop in stability.

Especially, 17th CDNLAO being organized in parallel with CONSAL XIV is a seldom opportunity for the National Library of Vietnam. On this occasion, its’ our great honour to welcome Directors of National Libraries in Asia and Oceania to the Congress of Southeast Asian Librarians. Hopefully, with your presence, General Conference of CONSAL XIV will be completely successful.

My dear Directors,

We warmly welcome you all to Hanoi-The City of Peace whose people are all together in eager to prepare for the Great Anniversary of 1,000 years in 2010. Hopefully, you all will spend yours days in Hanoi, Vietnam-the country of peace, beautiful landscapes, friendliness, innovation and hospitality with lots of joys.

It’s my sincere thanks to all participants and wish CDNLAO 2009 be a great success.