

1. CONTEXT

Vietnamese health system is in full expansion but does not comprise a structured and effective first line of medical care. Patients thus don't go to the general practitioner/family doctor like in our country. Patients often go directly to the hospital where they have to bear long hours of wait. They are then taken care of by doctors who don't manage individual files.



Though some health posts are geographically well distributed, medical care given there is not personalized, the equipment is sometimes insufficient, and health professionals training is not much directed towards individual care.

Urban health posts (Ho Chi Minh City)



Rural health posts (Cu Chi)



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 2 : Pr. Pierre FIRKET
 3 : Dr. Anne FREYENS
 4 : Pr. Philippe BURETTE
 5 : Dr. BUI Kim Hai, initiator of project
 6 : Pr. Genevieve BRUWIER
 7 : Valerie MASSART
 8 : Pr. Marc VANMEERBEEK
Members of General Practice Department of the University of Liège, Belgium

9 : Vietnamese doctor
 10 : Vietnamese paediatrician
Private Health Care Center in Ho Chi Minh City

11 : Mrs. Mai TRAM
Health Care Service of Ho Chi Minh City

2. FIRST CONTACTS

At Doctor BUI Kim Hai’s instigation, originating from HCMV and general practitioner trained at Ulg, the General Practice Department of the University of Liege, Belgium, headed by Professor Didier GIET, established contacts with the Health Care Service of Ho Chi Minh City, headed by Dr NGUYEN The Dung, and with its University Training Center.



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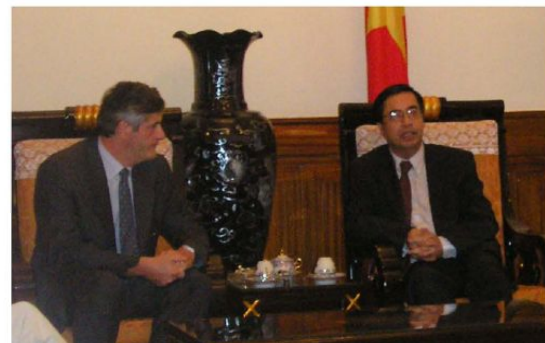


November 2005: congress of General Practice in Ho Chi Minh City

A congress devoted to General Practice and to family practitioner’s specific duties took place at the CUF (University Training Center for Health Professionals) of HCMV in November 2005.



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Pr. Didier GIET

Mr. NGUYEN Phu Binh
Vice-Minister of Foreign Affairs

3. A CONCRETE PROJECT

Following the November 2005 Congress, a cooperation project from the ULg/CUF/Health Care Service of HCMV saw the light of day. It concerns the set-up of a University Training in General/Family practice at the University Training Center of HCMV (CUF), as well as the set-up of experimental posts in the vicinity of two downtown large hospitals and a rural post in Cu Chi.

April 2006: visiting health posts and hospitals in Ho Chi Minh City

In April 2006, a delegation of the General Practice Department of the University of Liege, Belgium, went to Ho Chi Minh City.

Very instructive exchanges took place while visiting health posts and hospitals.



April 2006: meeting at the University Training Center of HCMV

Several meetings at the CUF laid the foundations for a Training Project in General/Family practice. It will last for a period from 3 to 4 years.



August 2006: videoconference between Ho Chi Minh City (Vietnam) and Liege (Belgium)

In August 2006, a videoconference brought the two teams together, in order to prepare the missions of November 2006 (initial training in General Practice at the CUF) as well as Vietnamese colleagues' arrival at Liege, Belgium, at the beginning of 2007 (training course in General Practice at Liege).



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