

100th Anniversary of the Vietnam Revolutionary Press Day
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Headline: Vietnam Celebrates 100 Years of Press Legacy

Commemorating the 100th anniversary of the Vietnamese Revolutionary Press Day, the country recently held the National Press Festival 2025 from June 19 to 21.

Representing the National Union of Journalists Malaysia were President Low Boon Tat and Vice President Mark Mathen Victor who were part of the delegation invited to witness the historic occasion.

Held at the National Convention Centre in Hanoi, the event served to honour the achievements, dedication and silent sacrifices of Vietnamese journalists throughout the past century.

Showcasing the various media houses within Vietnam, the festival provided a glimpse into the country's early revolutionary publications.

Founded by Ho Chi Minh under the pseudonym Nguyen Ai Quoc, the *Thanh Nien* newspaper was first published on June 21, 1925, which subsequently gave birth to the revolutionary press in Vietnam.

It served as the genesis for a press line that advocated for the liberation of the country from colonialism.

In his address on June 21, Communist Party of Vietnam general secretary To Lam stressed that the press conveyed the spirit of resistance, courage and the desire for independence.

"During the fires of war, the press was a sharp weapon, stronger than bullets, bombs, tanks and cannons. It called on the entire nation to fight for liberation and unification," said To.

In its modern form, the Vietnamese revolutionary press continues to play a critical role in the country's continued development.

"The press must constantly innovate itself with the development of the country. It has to continue becoming a professional, humane and modern press on the journey of building and developing the country," he added.

According to Vietnam Journalists' Association (VJA) chairman and *Nhan Dan* chief editor Le Quoc Minh, the goal for the National Press Festival was to reflect the essence of Vietnamese journalism.

"The festival had to be compelling, particularly to spotlight the major achievements and critical contributions of journalism to the revolutionary cause of Vietnam".

Over the course of three days, 80 state press agencies participated in the festival with nearly 130 booths that represented mainstream and specialised newspapers to leading journalism training institutions.

- A standard visit for Vietnam's 100-year press anniversary involving delegates from each CAJ bodies, invited by the Vietnam Journalists' Association.
- NUJ and CAJ delegates held a courtesy meeting with VJA leaders on June 18, attended the National Press Festival 2025 opening ceremony on June 19 with the commemoration ceremony of the 100th year anniversary of the Vietnamese Revolutionary Press Day on June 21.
- In between, VJA took the delegates to the Vietnam Military History Museum on June 19 and the Museum of Ethnology on June 20.
- The Vietnam visit was an opportunity for the NUJ President to establish a wider contact network with the CAJ members that came, while strengthening existing ones.
- The visit was also a learning opportunity for NUJ Vice President Mark Mathen Victor to be exposed to the CAJ network, particularly from VJA and to create contacts for the first time by observing how the NUJ President did it.
- NUJ President Low Boon Tat is likely to use the visit as a foundation to how NUJ can host the next CAJ event in Malaysia.