

Draft Press Release

The Festival of India in Vietnam was inaugurated at the Opera House in Hanoi on 5th March, 2014. A reception followed by a classical dance performance Nrityarupa by the Sangeet Natak Academy was held to mark the occasion. The event was attended by several Vietnamese dignitaries and over 600 guests. Prominent guests from the Vietnamese side included H.E.Mr. Nguyen Thien Nhan, Politburo member, President of the Vietnam Fatherland Front; H.E.Mr. Vuong Duy Bien, Vice Minister of Culture, Sports and Tourism of Vietnam and several other Vice Ministers, the diplomatic corps representatives from different national and international organizations/agencies. From the Indian side, Mr. Ravindra Singh, Secretary (Culture), Government of India and Mrs. Preeti Saran, Ambassador of India to Vietnam participated in the inauguration.

Speaking at the event, H.E. Mr. Vuong Duy Bien, Vice Minister of Culture, Sports and Tourism of Vietnam thanked the Indian Ministry of Culture and the Embassy of India for organizing the event and conveyed that the Festival would contribute to consolidating and strengthening the friendship and strategic partnership of Vietnam and India. Secretary Culture and Ambassador Preeti Saran also spoke on the occasion.

The Food Festival was inaugurated on 6th March 2014 at the Sheraton Hotel in Hanoi and was well attended.

The Embassy of India and the Ministry of Culture of India in coordination with the Vietnamese Ministry of Culture, Sports and Tourism and other agencies are organizing the 'Festival of India' in Vietnam from 5-15 March 2014. The Festival will be held in three cities of Vietnam – Hanoi, Danang and Ho Chi Minh City and has the following components: Classical Dance Recital, Buddhist Festival, Food, folk dance, Mehendi and Yoga.