

Professor Augustine Ha Ton Vinh

Prof. Vinh has 30 years of professional, technical, and management experience in more than 20 countries in the Asian-Pacific, European, and West African regions, with a concentration in economic development strategies, public-private partnerships, business restructuring and enterprise reform, and private participation in infrastructure. His experience in emerging markets includes China, Thailand, the Philippines, Vietnam, Mongolia, Malaysia, Indonesia, Taiwan, India, Cambodia, Laos, Egypt, and several countries in West Africa.

Prof. Vinh serves as Senior Investment Advisor to Vietnam's Special Economic Zone and Integrated Resort in the Van Don Island, Ha Long Bay, a UNESCO World Heritage site. He also advises leading gaming technology and service companies in Vietnam the past 10 years. Since his assignment to Vietnam in 1995, Prof. Vinh helped establish the Executive MBA program of the University of Hawaii in both Hanoi and HCM City (2001-2008). Before that he led a management consulting practice for PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP; generated an active flow of new projects funded by the World Bank, Asian Development Bank, and other multilateral donors; provided direct assistance to key government officials responsible for approving and allocating Official Development Assistance (ODA) and private sector financial commitments. He was, for several years, Asia Regional Advisor for Public Private Infrastructure Advisory Facility (PPIAF) which is owned and directed by major countries and multilateral agencies, including the World Bank, Asian Development Bank and UNDP. Prof. Vinh, as Multilateral, Bilateral and ECA Financial Advisor, helped structure the financing options for a US\$2.5 billion program to build Vietnam's largest hydropower plant.

Prof. Vinh has completed his Master's program and Doctoral Fellowship at Georgetown University School of Foreign Service, Washington, D.C. (1978) and Catholic University of America (1983), respectively. In 1981, Prof. Vinh was awarded a three-year Ph.D. Fellowship by the US National Institutes of Health. He has been subsequently recommended by several US Senators, Congressmen, and government officials for a Presidential Special Assistant position in the first Reagan-Bush administration.

Prof. Vinh has served four years on the Board of Governors and Executive Committee of the American Chamber of Commerce in Hanoi. Prof. Vinh is a US citizen and lives in Hanoi and Ho Chi Minh city.

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