

VIETNAM AGENT ORANGE PUBLIC HEALTH TOUR

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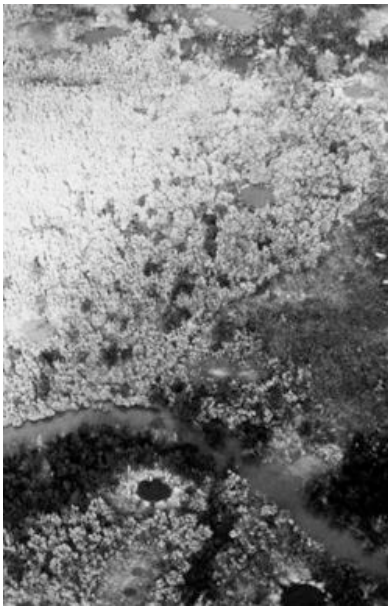
November 13th, 2007

Brecht Forum, 451 West Street
West Side Highway between Bank & Bethune Streets



Come Meet:

Dr. Nguyen Thi Ngoc Phuong



Dr. Phuong has been the Director of Tu Du Hospital In Ho Chi Minh City and chairperson of the Obstetrics and Gynecology Department. She is Chief of Obstetrics and Gynecology of the Medical University of HCM City and Director General of Ngoc Tam Hospital Corporation of HCM City. Dr. Phuong has researched and published extensively on the deleterious health impact of Agent Orange on the people of Vietnam including the impact of toxic chemicals on reproductive outcomes, dioxin induced risk to pregnancies, and women giving birth to grossly deformed babies as seen at the OB/GYN Hospital in HCM City. Dr. Phuong has coauthored articles with American scientists on Agent Orange and the risk of gestational trophoblastic disease in Vietnam and chlorinated dioxins and dibenzofurans in human tissues from general populations.

As Director of Tu Du Hospital, Dr. Phuong established a “pregnant care network” to promote appropriate and quality births for women in remote areas of Vietnam. She established a training program for rural midwives from various ethnic minorities living in the Central Highlands who use their ethnic languages to educate people about reproductive health issues.

FACTS:

It is estimated that between 1961 and 1971 about 77 million liters of herbicides, including 49.3 million liters of Agent Orange containing more than 360 kg of dioxin-contaminated defoliants were sprayed multiple times over 2.6 million acres in south Vietnam. Studies by the international scientific community agree that there is sufficient evidence of association between exposure to the herbicides and the following health outcomes: chronic lymphocytic leukemia, soft tissue sarcoma, non-Hodgkins disease, and chloracne. Strong evidence exists linking exposure to respiratory cancers, prostate cancer, multiple myeloma, Type 2 Diabetes, and spina bifida, chronic lymphocytic leukemia, and congenital malformations in children of exposed individuals.



- U.S. veterans have been partially and inadequately compensated but Vietnamese victims have not received a dime.
- Achieve justice for Vietnamese Agent Orange victims by supporting their lawsuit against the chemical manufacturers and urging the U.S. government to provide compensation.

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