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INDOCHINESE SELF-HELP PROJECT

PROGRAM

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REGISTRATION: 8:30 - 9:15

WELCOME: 9:15 - 9:45

Dr. Hai Ba Pho, Program Coordinator
Indochinese Refugees Foundation

Mr. Tuan H. Nguyen, President
Indochinese Refugees Foundation

Mr. Ter Yang, President
Lao-Hmong Community of Massachusetts

Mr. Jack Anderson, Director
Office of Refugee Resettlement, HHS

Mr. Thomas DeVouton, State Coordinator
Indochinese Refugee Assistance Program
Human Services Dept., Comm. of Mass.

Jacqueline Fidler, Project Director
Indochinese Self-Help Project

KEYNOTE SPEECH: 9:45 - 10:30

"Refugee Resettlement; The Domestic Challenge of the International Problem"

Mr. Jesse Bunch, Executive Director
Indochinese Refugee Action Center, Washington, D.C.

PANEL 1: 10:30 - 11:30

Break: 11:30 - 11:45

INDOCHINESE CULTURES & CUSTOMS:
Family & Individual - A Way of Life - Past & Present

Moderator: Lan T. Pho, Professor
College of Management Science, University of Lowell

PANELISTS:

Mr. Mong Heng
Cambodian Cultural & Information Specialist
Orientation Resource Center, Washington, D.C.

Mr. Souksomboun Sayasithsena
Laotian Cultural & Information Specialist
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Dr. Ta Van Tai
East Asian Legal Studies
Harvard Law School

James Lavelle, Program Director
Indochinese Mental Health Program
in Massachusetts

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PANEL II: 11:45 - 12:45

Traditional Education & The Experience of Teaching English as a Second Language

Moderator: Mrs Maria Nguyen, Bilingual Educator
Thomas A. Edison School, Boston

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Ms. Phan Thi Ngoc Chan
Bilingual Educator, Jackson Mann School, Boston

Ms. Moira Lucey
Indochinese Services Coordinator
International Institute, Boston

LUNCHEON: 12:45 - 2:00

Full Course Buffet With Ethnic Delicacies

PANEL III: 2:00 - 3:00

Traditional Career Planning and Job Counseling in the U.S.

Moderator: Dr. Nghia Van Nguyen
C.S. Draper Laboratory, Cambridge

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Mr. Le Xuan Khoa
Vietnamese Cross-cultural Specialist
Orientation Resource Center, Washington, D.C.

Mr. William Lewis
Personnel Director, Wang Laboratories, Lowell

CONCLUDING ADDRESS: 3:00 - 3:30

The Indochinese Refugee: Their Needs & Their Contributions to the Community

Mr. Pho Ba Long, Co-Director, Orientation Resource Center
Center for Applied Linguistics, Washington, D.C.