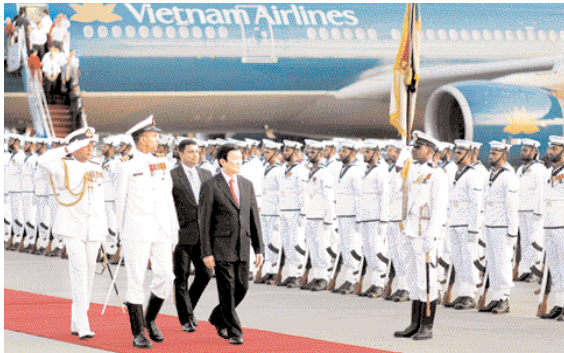


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Vietnamese President Truong Tan Sang inspecting the Guard of honour accorded to him by the Sri Lanka Navy on arrival.



President Mahinda Rajapaksa and Vietnamese President Truong Tan Sang wave to the crowd. First Lady Shiranthi Rajapaksa and Vietnamese First Lady Mai Thi Hanh are also in the picture.



Vietnamese President Truong Tan Sang signing the visitors book.



MOU on Higher Education exchanged between Deputy Higher Education Minister Nandimithra Ekanayake and Vietnam's Deputy Foreign Affairs Minister Doan Xuan Hung.

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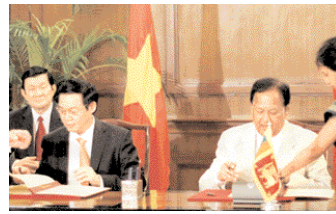
Vietnamese President Truong Tan Sang was in Sri Lanka on a three day state visit. Vietnamese First Lady Mai Thi Hanh accompanied the President. Here are pictures from the historic event.



The Sri Lankan and Vietnamese Presidents before holding bilateral talks. Pictures by Sudath Silva, Sudath Malawera, Saman Sri Wedage and Nissanka Wijeratne



External Affairs Minister Prof G L Peiris and Vietnam's Deputy Foreign Minister after signing a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) on political consultations.



MOU on cooperation between Sri Lanka and Vietnam Finance Ministries being signed between Senior International Monetary Cooperation Minister Dr Sarath Amunugama and Vietnam's Finance Minister Prof Dr. Vuong Diuh Hue.



MOU on Commerce and Industry exchanged between Industry and Commerce Minister Richad Bathiudeen and Vietnam's Deputy Industry and Trade Minister Le Duong Quang.



MOU on Defence Cooperation between the Defence Ministry and Vietnam's Ministry of National Defence signed by Defence Secretary Gotabhaya Rajapaksa and Vietnam's Deputy Minister of National Defence Lt Nguyen Chi Vinh.



MOU on Two Way Investment Promotion Corporation between Board of Investment of Sri Lanka and Foreign Investment Agency of Vietnam were signed by BOI Chairman/Director General MMC Ferdinando and Vietnam's Foreign Investment Agency Director Do Nhat Hoang.



The Vietnamese President addressing the Business Forum.



MOU between the Presidential Secretariat and Ministry of Industry and Trade on Petroleum Sector were signed by Secretary to the President Lalith Weeraratna and Vietnam's Deputy Trade and Industry Minister Le Duong Quang.



MOU on Gas Oil Sales Agreement exchanged by Ceylon Petroleum Corporation Chairman BHS Jayawardena and Managing Director PV Oil (Singapore) Pvt Ltd Hoang Tai Minh Nguyen.



Vietnamese President Truong Tan Sang and Prime Minister DM Jayaratne at the opening of the Vietnamese Embassy in Colombo.



Vietnam's First Lady Mai Thi Hanh exchanging a memento at the National Crafts Council in Battaramulla with Traditional Industries and Small Enterprise Development Minister Douglas Devananda.



Vietnamese President Truong Tan Sang leaving Sri Lanka after a three-day state visit on Saturday. Prime Minister DM Jayaratne was also present.