

The foreign policy of the Communist Party of Vietnam and Vietnam's diplomatic activities in the period of 2021 – 2025

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In the context of the current world, peace, friendship, cooperation and development are still the general trend. However, people are still facing new challenges in politics, economy, and security with unpredictable and complicated developments. That requires countries to have a firm and consistent foreign and diplomatic stance to ensure peace. Realizing the urgency of the problem, I chose to study the topic: "The foreign policy of the Communist Party of Vietnam and Vietnam's diplomatic activities in the period of 2021 – 2025".

When researching this issue, I would like to provide basic information about the foreign policy of the Communist Party of Vietnam and Vietnam's outstanding diplomatic activities in the period 2021 – 2025. From there, results were given, lessons learned in Vietnam's foreign policy and diplomatic activities.

Researching around the Resolution of the 13th Congress of the Communist Party of Vietnam, I have drawn some information. In terms of foreign policy, the Communist Party has 3 basic goals: security, development and influence. Firstly, the ultimate goal of the Vietnamese revolution is to protect independence and autonomy. Secondly, the development goal is expressed in the three words "equality, cooperation, and mutual benefit". Third, the goal of influence - "Vietnam is a friend, a reliable partner and an active and responsible member of the international community". When implementing the above 3 objectives, it is necessary to ensure the principle of "Using immutability to cope with uncertainty", which is the main principle in Vietnam's own style of "Bamboo Diplomacy", secondly, to comply with the principle of ensuring the Party's unified leadership and direction for foreign affairs and international integration. In terms of direction: (i) Determining the pioneering role of foreign affairs, (ii) Synchronous, creative and effective implementation of external activities, proactive and active international integration in a comprehensive and extensive manner, (iii) Building a comprehensive and modern diplomacy with three pillars: Party foreign affairs, state diplomacy and people's foreign relations. Regarding diplomatic activities in 2 bilateral and multilateral fields, Vietnam maintains a close relationship with Russia, and at the same time, in the tension of the Russia-Ukraine conflict, Vietnam maintains a balanced and neutral position, does not condemn Russia's military actions, and calls for a suitable diplomatic solution to the conflict. In the South China Sea issue with China, Vietnam upholds compliance with international law and resolves conflicts on the basis of international law. In terms of multilateral diplomacy, Vietnam continues to express its desire to be friends with countries around the world, support and help countries when necessary, especially during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Although there are still many limitations, Vietnam has learned lessons from experience, in the face of a complicated situation, it is necessary to remain calm and wise, properly handle international relations, ensure the leadership of the Communist Party of Vietnam, and constantly create and innovate. The results show that the success of Vietnam's diplomatic activities is thanks to the correct and practical foreign policy of the Communist Party of Vietnam.

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