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Anthropology

Tong Tap Thac Ban Van Khac Han Nom = Corpus Des Inscriptions Anciennes du Vietnam = Corpus of Ancient Vietnamese Inscriptions - 5 / Edited by Trinh Khac Manh ; Nguyen Van Nguyen ; Philippe Papin
Hanoi : Institut Han- Nom, c2005
xi, 4001 to 5000 p. : ill. ; 32 cm.
2-84654-115-9 (set)
2-84654-109-4
\$ 195.00

Art

Impressions and expressions : Vietnamese contemporary painting / Shireen Naziree, Phan Cam Thuong
Bangkok : Thavibu Gallery Co. Ltd., c2006
87 p. : ill. ; 30 cm.
Includes index.
974-94336-8-8
\$ 46.50

[This book is an introduction to contemporary Vietnamese painting. In the first part, the art historian and independent curator Shireen Naziree covers the background of contemporary Vietnamese painting and places it in the context of South East Asia. There is a section on how lacquer paintings are made, followed by profiles of fifteen prominent artists written by the Vietnamese art historian and critic Phan Cam Thuong. Many of the artists started their careers during the mid 1980s, and may thus be labeled the doi moi generation, after the Vietnamese term for "renovation" and the process of opening Vietnam to the outside world. Although there had been many talented artists of the older generation, the artists of the doi moi generation were the first to break free from more conventional painting styles. Lacquer paintings have been given special attention in the book. The lacquer technique and materials produce unique colours, luster and texture. Other countries produce lacquer ware, but only in Vietnam has the synthesis of traditional lacquer techniques and modern painting been successful. The art of lacquer painting is surely an important Vietnamese contribution to the global contemporary art scene.]

Urban Environment – Hanoi, Vietnam

Hanoi : Vietnam Ministry of Culture and Information, [World Press Photo, Netherlands and Asia-Europe Foundation, Singapore], c2005
 v. : ill. ; 21 cm.
 \$ 10.00

History

A History of the Ho Chi Minh Trail : The Road to Freedom / Virginia Morris ; Clive A. Hills
 Bangkok : Orchid Press, c2006
 xix, 180 p. ; 25 cm.
 Includes Bibliography and Index.
 974-524-076-1
 \$ 28.00

[The Ho chi Minh Trail was a decisive factor in the defeat of American forces in the Vietnam War. At the Peak of its 16 years' operation, the Trail ran through North and South Vietnam, Laos and Cambodia. Despite an estimated 4 Million tons of US bombs, efforts to stop the transport of essential goods to the North Vietnamese Army over the Trail failed, and by the end of the war over a million tons of supplies had been transported and 2 Million troops had traversed the Trail.

At its peak there were 120,000 people working on the trail. Throughout the war around 20,000 of these died, some 30,000 were seriously injured; the numbers of peoples affected by Chemical spraying and un exploded bombs are still unrecorded. The author and photographer, the first Westerners to traverse the entire length of the Trail, trace the footsteps of the hundreds of thousands who designed, built, used and fought along it. Interviewing villagers along the Trail, as well as key military and political figures on both sides of the conflict, including the mastermind of the trail, Vietnam's general Vo Nguyen Giap, a Road to Freedom presents a balanced and fascinating account of this most remarkable feat of engineering and tactical warfare of the Vietnam war era.]

Economics

Infrastructure Strategy : cross-sectoral issues
 Hanoi : The World Bank in Vietnam, c2006
 xxviii, 113 p. : ill. ; 28 cm.
 Vietnam's Infrastructure Challenge Series
 \$ 18.00

Telecommunications Sector : current status and future paths / Llewellyn Toulmin
 Hanoi : The World Bank in Vietnam, c2006
 100 p. : ill. ; 28 cm.
 Vietnam's Infrastructure Challenge Series
 \$ 15.00

Power Strategy : managing growth and reform
 Hanoi : The World Bank in Vietnam, c2006
 50 p. : ill. ; 28 cm.
 Vietnam's Infrastructure Challenge Series
 \$ 15.00

Urban Development Strategy : meeting the challenges of rapid urbanization and the transition to a market oriented economy / Alan Coulthart, Nguyen Quang and Henry Sharpe

Hanoi : The World Bank in Vietnam, c2006

xvi, 60 p. : ill. ; 28 cm.

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Water Supply and Sanitation Strategy : building on a solid foundation / Prepared by Camellia Staykova (EWDWS) ; Task managed by Bill Kingdom (EASUR)

Hanoi : The World Bank in Vietnam, c2006

xxiv, 68 p. : ill. ; 28 cm.

Vietnam's Infrastructure Challenge Series

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Transport Strategy : transition, reform, and sustainable management

Hanoi : The World Bank in Vietnam, c2006

vi, 94 p. : ill. ; 28 cm.

Includes Bibliography

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Official Publications

Statistical Yearbook of Vietnam 2005

Hanoi : General Statistics Office, Statistical Publishing House, 2006

738 p. : ill. ; 25 cm.

\$ 70.00
