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His Excellency

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Le Cong Phung, a career diplomat who was appointed ambassador in 2007, had previously served as the first deputy foreign minister. As such, Phung was the Ministry of Foreign Affairs' second-ranking official, assisting the deputy prime minister and foreign minister in conducting Vietnam's foreign policy. He also served as deputy foreign minister (2001–04) and assistant foreign minister (1999–2000), as well as chairman for both the Committee on Border Affairs and the National Commission for UNESCO (2000–04). During his distinguished career, Phung has served in various Foreign Service postings in England (1974–77), China (1978–80), Indonesia (1984–87), and as ambassador to Thailand (1993–97). Born in Thanh Hoa Province, Vietnam, he graduated from the College of Diplomacy of Vietnam in 1971 and speaks fluent English and French. Phung and his wife, Nguyen Thi Nhan, are the parents of two sons.