

Lok Sabha Speaker Meets Nguyen Van Nen Member of the Politburo of the Communist Party of Vietnam and Party Secretary of the Ho Chi Minh City at Parliament House

New Delhi 21 June 2022: H.E. Mr. Nguyen Van Nen, Member of the Politburo of the Communist Party of Vietnam and Party Secretary of the Ho Chi Minh City called on Lok Sabha Speaker Shri Om Birla, at the Parliament House today. At the outset Shri Birla welcomed Mr. Van Nen to the Parliament House. Referring to his recent visit to Vietnam, Shri Birla said that Ho Chi Minh City is a symbol of Vietnam's growing prosperity, economic success and modernization.

Marking the occasion of the 50th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between India and Vietnam, Shri Birla said that as the financial, technological and industrial Hub of Vietnam, Ho Chi Minh City is the center of India-Vietnam economic and trade and therefore plays an important role in the relationship between the countries.

Speaking about the strong economic recovery in both the countries after the COVID-19 pandemic, Shri Birla said that both countries should further strengthen mutual cooperation in the fields of trade, investment, technology, sustainable development, and digital economy etc. He further added that both India and Vietnam are moving towards social and economic transformation based on strong economic growth in the post pandemic world. Shri Birla said that new investments in education, health and infrastructure development, in the form of PM Gati Shakti, New Education Policy, Skill Development, etc., are taking India towards a golden future. He expressed the hope that India and Vietnam who enjoy strong trade and civilizational ties will continue to grow stronger in the future.

Shri Birla observed that the recent ASEAN-India Foreign Ministers' Meeting held in India, the bilateral meeting of the Foreign Ministers of India and Vietnam and the visit of Defence Minister of India to Vietnam have proved to be important milestones in the relationship between the two countries. Shri Birla emphasized the enormous potential of tourism between the two countries. Mentioning the growing interest of Indians towards South East Asia and the interest of the people of Vietnam towards India Shri Birla said that the shared Buddhist heritage of the two countries is an important link in cultural and tourism exchanges.

Speaking about the 8th International Day of Yoga, Shri Birla said that the widespread popularity of Yoga in Vietnam is another important cultural link between the two countries. Shri Birla described the theme of this year's Yoga Day "Yoga for Humanity" as very relevant in the present context.
