

Report



Oregon Legislative Trade Caucus Delegation to Vietnam New Rose City Report (September 2025)

Executive Summary

The inaugural Oregon Legislative Trade Caucus Delegation to Vietnam (September 4–11, 2025) achieved and exceeded its goals, advancing trade, innovation, and cultural ties across Ho Chi Minh City, Da Nang, and Hanoi.

The mission secured new agreements and attended high-level meetings and receptions with 100+ Vietnamese and American government, business, and civic leaders; positioning Oregon as a proactive and reliable global trade partner.

Bipartisan leadership by Co-Chairs Representative Daniel Nguyen (D) and Representative Shelly Boshart Davis (R) demonstrated Oregon's unique model of continuity, inclusion, and collaboration in state-level trade diplomacy.

Background & Objectives

Formation of the Oregon Legislative Trade Caucus (OLTC): Ensures bipartisan collaboration on international trade opportunities for Oregon businesses and communities. Vietnam is a long-time Oregon trade partner, with rapid growth in agriculture, timber, technology, and logistics — sectors aligned with Oregon's strengths. Primary objectives included:

- Explore opportunities in key growth sectors (semiconductors, AI, agriculture, education, and logistics).
- Strengthen relationships with government and private sector leaders.
- Support small and medium enterprises (SMEs) in accessing global markets.
- Celebrate 30 years of normalized U.S.–Vietnam relations.



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I. Itinerary & Engagements Overview

Ho Chi Minh City

- Meetings: Oregon delegation met with the U.S. Consul Leadership, HCMC People's Committee, provincial leaders, and attended the International Sourcing Expo 2025.
- Agreements: Port of Portland signed an MOU with Long An International Port on sustainable logistics cooperation.
- Reception – *Friends of Oregon Reception, September 5*
Hosted at the Sheraton Grand Opera Saigon, this event brought together 75+ partners, including:
 - U.S. Ambassador Marc Knapper
 - U.S. Consul General Melissa A. Brown
 - Senior Vietnamese government officials
 - AmCham Vietnam leadership, members, SME's and university partners

This reception signaled Oregon's long-term commitment to Vietnam and marked over a decade of Oregon-led trade missions.

Da Nang

- Visits to Da Nang Semiconductor and AI Center and Software Park 2.
- Roundtable at the Free Trade Zone. Engagements at the Vietnam Hi-Tech Park, covering IT, biotechnology, and new materials.
- Meeting with Vice Chairman of Da Nang Ho Ky Minh who shepherded partnerships with Oregon for over a decade, most recently the 2024 Da Nang Investment Forum (held at Portland State University) and the 2023 Trade Mission



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Cultural Excursion to Hoi An with Dr. Chu Manh Trinh, former Fulbright and Cu Lao Cham Marine Protected Area leader for 30+ years (retired 2023).

Hanoi

- High-Level Meetings: Engagements with the National Assembly, Ministry of Agriculture & Environment, and National Innovation Center.
- Reception – *Oregon Trade Delegation Reception, September 9*
Held at the Hotel de l'Opera Hanoi, this event welcomed 50+ leaders and dignitaries, including:
 - Deputy Chief of Mission Courtney Beale
 - State Department Fellows
 - UNHabitat Leadership
 - MK Group CEO and private sector partners
 - University rectors and innovation leaders
 - Business associations and trade specialists

This reception marked 30 years of normalized relations, elevating Oregon's visibility at the national level in Vietnam.

II. Next Steps & Recommendations

Work towards shared investments and goals to promote an ongoing, elevated and strategic forum for economic prosperity and peace:

- Strengthen Oregon's visibility as an active trade partner.
- Elevate relationships through high-level government meetings not originally on the agenda.
- Expand exposure to Vietnam's innovation economy through university to university networks.



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Formal agreements:

- Port of Portland–Long An Port MOU.
- Commitments for ongoing discussions in semiconductor, AI, and agriculture sectors.

Delegation impact:

- Bipartisan leadership underscored stability and continuity of Oregon's two-way trade, investment and innovation agenda with Vietnam.
- SME participants gained access to new contacts and markets.
- Oregon universities and research institutions laid groundwork for future academic exchange.

III. Cultural & Diplomatic Significance

- Celebrations of the 30th anniversary of normalized relations reinforced people-to-people trust and long-standing diplomatic ties.
- Members of the Oregon Vietnamese American Cultural Center (OVACC) were able to connect to community members on shared cultural values and exchange
- Delegates participated in cultural excursions (Hoi An UNESCO World Heritage Town and Hanoi Tour led by Cultural Ambassador Ms. Loan to Pottery Village and Water Puppet Theater) that deepened understanding of Vietnam's history, culture, and environment.

These experiences contextualized trade discussions and strengthened cross-cultural understanding. Build on momentum: organize follow-up trade forums in Oregon and Vietnam. Lessons learned for future missions include:

- Encourage participation of additional SMEs in future missions by highlighting accessibility.



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- Leverage the bipartisan caucus to maintain continuity in state-level trade diplomacy.
- Track implementation of signed MOUs and measure progress on sector-specific opportunities (e.g., semiconductors, agriculture, logistics).
- Position Oregon as a model for state-level international engagement, balancing economic growth with cultural diplomacy.

IV. 2025 Actions/Recommendations Table for Oregon Legislative Trade Caucus Mission to Vietnam

Organization	Next Steps & Follow-Up Actions	Contact/Lead	Summary/Notes
Ho Chi Minh City People's Committee	• Formalize economic trade working group with Oregon Trade Caucus. • Explore bilateral investment promotion and city-to-city MOU (HCMC – Portland). • Invite HCMC business delegations to Oregon Trade Forum 2026.	Mr. Pham Thanh Kien, Vice Chairman; Office of the People's Committee	HCMC remains Vietnam's primary economic engine; strong interest in positioning as a partner hub for U.S. West Coast trade.
Long An International Port	• Initiate benchmarking study on sustainability practices (renewables, emissions, logistics). • Facilitate Port of Portland – Long An Port technical	Mr. Vo Quoc Thang, Chairman; Long An International Port Authority	Opportunity to brand Oregon as a strategic advisor on sustainable trade infrastructure.



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	exchange on green port development.	Ms. Cherry	
Da Nang AI & Semiconductor Center (DSAC)	• Advance discussions on startup incentives and R&D collaboration. • Connect DSAC with Oregon State University for joint labs, faculty exchange, and semiconductor talent pipeline. • Explore state-level policy advising on tax incentives and incubation frameworks.	Dr. Chu Xuan Hieu, Director DSAC	DSAC eager to learn from Oregon's "Silicon Forest"; alignment with U.S. CHIPS & Science Act.
Da Nang People's Committee	• Pursue investment promotion dialogue with Oregon Trade Caucus. • Share best practices on high-tech park governance and PPP financing. • Coordinate joint tourism promotion between Da Nang and Oregon.	Mr. Nguyen Van Quang, Party Secretary; Mr. Ho Ky Minh, Vice Chairman	Da Nang positioning itself as "Silicon Beach"; interest in long-term partnership with Oregon universities and industry.
Ministry of Agriculture & Environment	• Establish Oregon-Vietnam working group on ag imports, esp. animal feed (corn, wheat, soy). • Share Oregon's expertise in	Vice Minister (to confirm contact)	Vietnam imports ~\$11B in animal feed annually; Oregon can be a trusted supplier.



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	sustainable farming and grain traceability. • Support dialogue on sanitary & phytosanitary standards.		
National Innovation Center (NIC)	• Collaborate on workforce development in AI, biotech, semiconductor fields. • Explore IP protection and tech transfer frameworks. • Connect NIC with Oregon startups, accelerators, and venture ecosystems.	Dr. Vu Quoc Huy, Director	NIC serves as Vietnam's flagship hub for high-tech innovation; major opportunity for Oregon firms.
National Assembly of Vietnam	• Continue high-level dialogue on Oregon–Vietnam partnerships aligned with the Comprehensive Strategic Partnership. • Propose technical advising exchanges (legislative staff, committees). • Identify joint strategic actions to promote prosperity and sovereignty through trade, education, and innovation.	Vice President of the National Assembly Hai	Critical to sustain political trust; alignment with 10-year CSP roadmap ensures Oregon is a visible and trusted U.S. partner.



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- V. Link to All Materials:  2025 OR VN Itinerary Materials
- VI. Delegation Bios:  VNTradeMission2025_Bios.pdf



VII. Media & Publications

U.S. News

[Oregon lawmakers travel to Vietnam, strengthen trade ties with port-to-port deal](#)

– KPIC news

[Oregon seeks to further enhance cooperation with Vietnam](#) – VOV

Vietnam News

[NA Vice Chairman welcomes US's Oregon State Representative](#) – People's Army Newspaper

[NA Vice Chairman welcomes US's Oregon State Representative](#) – Vietnam News

[NA Vice Chairman welcomes US's Oregon State Representative](#) – Vietnam Net



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[Trưởng Ban Chính sách, chiến lược Trung ương Nguyễn Thanh Nghị tiếp và làm việc với Đoàn Hạ nghị sĩ Bang Oregon, Hoa Kỳ – Dang Con San](#)

[HCMC proposes 3 fields of cooperation with Oregon, U.S – SG Da Nang](#)

[Thứ trưởng Phan Thị Thắng làm việc với Hạ nghị sĩ bang Oregon Hoa Kỳ – Cong Thuong](#)

[Da Nang proposes hi-tech cooperation with Oregon \(USA\) – Bao Da Nang](#)

[US businesses flock to HCM City for Vietnam International Sourcing 2025 – VTV](#)



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Delegation Activities Report

September 4-11, the Oregon Legislative Trade Caucus and partners advanced economic, cultural, and diplomatic ties with Vietnam. Delegates met with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, National Assembly leadership, and the Ho Chi Minh City People's Committee, underscoring the importance of people-to-people and government-to-government engagement. The delegation highlighted Oregon's strengths in agriculture, manufacturing, and innovation at the 2025 Vietnam International Sourcing Expo, and explored future collaboration in semiconductors, AI, and clean technology through site visits to the Da Nang AI and Semiconductor Center (DSAC) and Free Trade Zone.

A key milestone was the Port of Portland–Long An International Port Memorandum of Understanding, signaling shared commitment to coordinated logistics, carbon reduction, and expanded trade routes.

Delegates also hosted a “Friends of Oregon” reception with AmCham in Ho Chi Minh City and the Vietnam Oregon Initiative Network in Hanoi, celebrating 30 years of normalized U.S.–Vietnam relations and reinforcing Oregon's role as a trusted partner.

As Rep. Nguyen emphasized, the delegation's purpose was clear: *to keep Oregon at the table, strengthening relationships that translate into jobs and opportunities at home while building long-term prosperity with Vietnam.*

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VIII. Official Delegation Meetings
A. National Assembly



Meeting with Mr. Nguyen Duc Hai, Vice Chairman of the National Assembly

Vice Chairman Hai warmly welcomed the Oregon delegation during the year marking the 30th anniversary of Vietnam–U.S. diplomatic relations and strategic exchanges government to government on public policy topics ranging from Performance Auditing to Resource Management. He acknowledged the significant progress achieved through past cooperation, notably the Vietnam–Oregon Initiative launched in 2015 and subsequent agreements, including the 2022 Memorandum of Understanding with Vietnam’s Ministry of Industry and Trade. Building on his earlier experience as Party Secretary of Quang Nam province, where he supported

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international collaboration projects, Mr. Hai reaffirmed the National Assembly's role in fostering stronger legislative and economic cooperation with U.S. partners.

B. Central Commission for Policy and Strategy



Meeting with Mr. Nguyen Thanh Nghi, Chairman of the Central Commission for Policy and Strategy

The discussions centered on long-term strategic cooperation, especially in policy formulation to promote trade, investment, and development partnerships. Chairman Nghi welcomed Oregon's interest in Vietnam's innovation-driven growth and stressed the importance of strengthening bilateral ties through shared vision and collaboration in science, technology, and education.

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C. Ministry of Agriculture & Environment



Meeting with Mr. Tran Duc Thang, Acting Minister of Agriculture and Environment

Oregon is well-positioned to continue expanding its agricultural exports to Vietnam in ways that go beyond traditional commodity trade. The delegation's discussions underscored Vietnam's growing demand for high-quality fruits, vegetables, grains, and animal feed, all areas where Oregon producers excel. In particular, Oregon's reputation for premium grass seed and specialty crops opens opportunities to meet Vietnam's rising needs for agricultural inputs to support both food security and livestock industries.

Beyond commodities, the most dynamic opportunities lie in value-added agriculture and agtech solutions. This includes processed fruit products,



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plant-based foods, organic and sustainably branded exports, and advanced feed formulations that reduce environmental impacts. The delegation emphasized that Oregon's innovation in climate-resilient farming, sustainable water management, and soil health practices align with Vietnam's national goals to modernize agriculture while maintaining ecological balance.

The conversations also explored research and education partnerships, where university-to-university collaborations could accelerate R&D on crop science, precision agriculture, and resilient seed varieties. Joint pilot projects—such as smart irrigation systems, carbon-reducing fertilizers, and renewable energy in food processing—offer a way to connect Oregon's agtech startups with Vietnamese producers and cooperatives.

By combining Oregon's expertise in sustainability with Vietnam's fast-growing agricultural economy, the trade climate supports a mutually beneficial path: Vietnam gains access to high-quality U.S. products and innovations, while Oregon farmers and businesses expand market share through products and practices that embody sustainability and long-term food security.

The delegation engaged in a constructive dialogue on sustainable agriculture with potential areas to enhance trade through value-added products grass seed to animal feed. There was also discussions on agtech and university to university collaborations on R&D.

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D. Ministry of Finance



Meeting with Mr. Tran Quoc Phuong, Vice Minister of Finance (with FIA and NIC representatives)

Oregon is uniquely positioned to leverage its expertise in advanced manufacturing, artificial intelligence, and semiconductor technologies in ways that align with the global financial strategies currently being deployed in Vietnam. During the session, the Vice Minister underscored Vietnam's commitment to transparent and stable financial policies, emphasizing incentives for innovation and foreign capital investment. This environment creates a strong foundation for Oregon's technology-driven industries to engage, particularly as both sides share priorities around sustainable growth and high-tech development.



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The delegation's visit to the National Innovation Center (NIC) further highlighted Vietnam's rapid progress in cultivating innovation ecosystems. Oregon companies recognized that NIC's focus on technology and entrepreneurship resonates with the state's leadership in semiconductors, AI research, and applied manufacturing. These synergies extend beyond technology alone; they also touch on agri-tech and green growth solutions, where Oregon's value-added agriculture and environmental management expertise can complement Vietnam's innovation goals. The potential for university-to-university R&D collaborations strengthens this alignment, ensuring long-term knowledge transfer and workforce development.

E. Ministry of Foreign Affairs



Meeting with Mr. Ngo Le Van, Vice Minister of Foreign Affairs

Oregon has maintained close ties with Vietnam's Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MOFA) since 2015, when the Ministry and then-Governor Kate Brown signed a Letter of Intent to deepen cooperation. That early



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agreement laid the groundwork for building stronger bridges in trade, security, and education. Over the past decade, MOFA has consistently welcomed Oregon delegations at both national and provincial levels, ensuring that diplomacy anchors the state's partnerships in Vietnam.

The conversation in Hanoi underscored how these institutional ties have matured into a comprehensive partnership. Both Oregon and MOFA reaffirmed the role of diplomacy in advancing bilateral relations, emphasizing that trust and continuity are essential for economic cooperation and people-to-people exchanges. The dialogue reflected a shared commitment not only to commerce, but also to collaboration in renewable energy, higher education, and technological innovation.

F. Ministry of Industry and Trade

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Meeting with Vice Deputy MOIT – Ms. Phan Thi Thang

The 2022 Memorandum of Understanding between Governor Kate Brown and Vietnam's Ministry of Industry and Trade (MOIT) emphasized expanding commerce while advancing sustainable infrastructure. Areas of focus included energy cooperation, port and transportation development, and modern logistics management systems that could enhance both countries' roles in global supply chains. This framework signaled a shared commitment to long-term planning, linking Oregon's expertise in advanced technology and sustainable practices with Vietnam's fast-growing infrastructure needs.



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The September 6, 2025 exchange in Tây Ninh demonstrated how these priorities are now being implemented. Deputy Minister Phan Thị Thắng underscored Vietnam's commitment to expanding bilateral economic relations, while Oregon's delegation highlighted strengths in advanced manufacturing, agricultural production, and logistics that align with Vietnam's development goals.

A major activity was the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding between the Port of Portland and Long An International Port. This partnership reflects the MOU's vision by addressing critical infrastructure and supply chain challenges. It will improve connectivity between U.S. and Vietnamese markets, support decarbonization goals through more efficient shipping and logistics, and create opportunities for collaboration in renewable energy integration at port facilities.

G. Ho Chi Minh City People's Committee

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Meeting with Permanent Vice Chairman Pham Thanh Kien of the Ho Chi Minh City People's Council

Ho Chi Minh City highlighted three priority areas for future cooperation—biotechnology and healthcare, food and beverage manufacturing and high-tech agriculture. As the city advances its role as a regional financial center, strengthened by expanding ports and modern infrastructure, new opportunities are emerging for shared investment and the exchange of best practices in smart city technologies. Both sides recognized that these sectors hold significant potential for mutual benefit, and discussions also pointed toward developing a Memorandum of Understanding to establish a strong framework for long-term partnership.

H. Da Nang People's Committee

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Meeting Vice Chairman Ho Ky Minh of the Da Nang People's Committee

The meetings followed over a decade of exchange programs to renew interest in fostering cooperation in high-tech industries, semiconductors, artificial intelligence and food processing. The discussions also touched on the city's ambition to develop an international financial center and free trade zone, offering exciting prospects for future collaboration. During the visit, the Oregon group toured Software Park No. 2 and the Da Nang Semiconductor & AI Training Centre, which further showcased the city's commitment to innovation and technology-driven growth.

IX. Conference Participation

A. Da Nang Semiconductor and AI Center



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The Oregon delegation were welcomed by Director Mr. Le Hoang Phuc who introduced the city's ambitions and progress to date to position Da Nang as a regional hub for high-tech development, focusing on semiconductors and artificial intelligence. He outlined plans to expand international cooperation in chip design, testing, and packaging, while also developing workforce training programs in partnership with universities and global companies such as Intel and Qualcomm. The visit highlighted Da Nang's forward-looking strategy and opened opportunities for Oregon businesses to engage in the city's innovation-driven growth. Director Phuc was in Portland in early 2024 for the Da Nang Investment Forum as part of a delegation exchange funded by the World Bank.

B. Viet Nam International Sourcing - HCMC

The delegation took part in Vietnam International Sourcing (VIS) 2025, one of the country's premier international sourcing exhibitions. The event connected Vietnamese suppliers with global distributors, retailers, and importers, including participants from the U.S. Oregon businesses joined B2B meetings, toured production sites, and learned more about Vietnam's capabilities in agriculture, food processing, textiles, and manufacturing. The event underscored Vietnam's increasing role in global supply chains, while also giving Oregon companies a platform to identify new partners and strengthen trade opportunities.

A notable highlight was the seminar "International Trade in the New Context: Opportunities and Challenges for Vietnam" held at the Saigon Exhibition and Convention Center (SECC). During the opening session, State Representative Daniel Loc Nguyen delivered a welcome speech,



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underscoring Oregon's commitment to strengthening bilateral trade ties and encouraging collaboration in supply chains, sustainable industries, and innovation. His remarks set a positive tone for discussions on global market shifts, trade protectionism, and strategies for Vietnamese enterprises to navigate international challenges.

C. Connecting International Supply Chain and E-Commerce - Tay Ninh

The event gathered over one hundred businesses, retailers, and e-commerce platforms, including Amazon, Alibaba, Walmart, and Aeon. A major highlight was the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding between the Port of Portland and Long An International Port by Mr. William David Robertson - Chief Public Affairs Officer of Port of Portland and Mr. Vo Quoc Huy - Chairman of the Board of Directors, Long An International Port. This aimed at strengthening port-to-port collaboration, enhancing logistics efficiency, and expanding bilateral trade flows. During the ceremony, Mr. William David Robertson delivered a presentation outlining the port's vision for closer cooperation with Vietnamese partners, particularly in building sustainable and resilient supply chains. State Representative Daniel Loc Nguyen joined the signing ceremony as an honored witness, further emphasizing Oregon's commitment to advancing long-term partnerships with Vietnam. This moment marked a significant milestone in deepening economic ties between the two sides.

X. Receptions, Cultural Site Visits and Networking Events



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Friends of Oregon Reception (Ho Chi Minh City)

On September 5, 2025, the Oregon delegation hosted the Friends of Oregon Reception in Ho Chi Minh City. The event brought together government officials, business leaders, and long-standing partners to celebrate the 30th anniversary of normalized U.S.–Vietnam relations and more than a decade of Oregon trade missions to Vietnam. The reception also highlighted the establishment of the Oregon Legislative Trade Caucus, co-chaired by Representatives Daniel Nguyen and Shelly Boshart Davis. With over 70 distinguished guests in attendance, the gathering served as an important occasion to reaffirm Oregon’s enduring friendship with Vietnam and to explore new opportunities for collaboration in trade, investment, and cultural exchange.





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US Vietnam 30th Anniversary Friendship Festival (Ho Chi Minh City)



On invitation by the U.S. Consulate, members of the Oregon Delegation joined the U.S.–Vietnam Friendship Festival on September 6, 2025. The gathering was informal in nature, but rooted in the spirit of people-to-people connections, highlighting shared ties in education, trade and diplomacy.



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The Saigon Heat engaged attendees on the basketball court, echoing the presence of Andre Huynh of the Da Nang Dragons, who had recently represented Central Vietnam at their US-VN Friendship Festival. Andre, part of a sports diplomacy campaign celebrating heritage players, has long bridged these



connections, having served as a fellow with the Vietnam Oregon Initiative Network. His fellowship helped launch a broader sports diplomacy campaign tied to the 30th Anniversary of Normalized Relations, highlighting the role of heritage players in strengthening bilateral ties. He also co-led the Dare2Dream youth basketball camp with the Oregon Vietnamese American Cultural Center (OVACC), further extending people-to-people exchanges through sports.



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Oregon Trade Delegation Reception (Hanoi)



On September 9, 2025, the Oregon delegation held the Oregon Trade Delegation Reception at the Hotel de l'Opera Hanoi. The evening marked a celebration of 30 years of U.S.-Vietnam relations and over 10 years of Oregon-Vietnam trade missions, while also introducing the newly formed Legislative Trade Caucus. Attendees included Vietnamese government officials, representatives from the business community, and members of the Vietnam-Oregon Initiative Network (VOIN). With nearly 60 guests participating, the reception provided a welcoming platform to strengthen partnerships, promote peace, and sow the seeds of prosperity, reflecting Oregon's long-term commitment to deepening economic and cultural ties with Vietnam. The receptions in Ho Chi Minh City and Hanoi were proudly sponsored by the Port of Portland, underscoring the port's strong



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commitment to fostering international, two way trade and logistics partnerships with Vietnam.

Cultural Day (Hanoi)



The Oregon Delegation was graciously invited by Madame Thanh Loan Nguyen, with the support of Madame Ambassador Mai from the Consulate's Office in San Francisco, to experience the rich cultural heritage of Hanoi. This gesture of hospitality underscored the value placed on people-to-people exchanges as a foundation for enduring partnerships between Oregon and Vietnam.

The itinerary offered delegates a glimpse into the historical heart of the capital. A shared meal at **Com Viet Heritage Restaurant** showcased Vietnamese cuisine in a museum-like setting. The visit to **Thanh Bat Pottery Village** connected the group to centuries-old artisanal practices



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from local materials. The day culminated with a performance at the **Lotus Theater Water Puppet Show**, a uniquely Vietnamese art form that blends puppetry with traditional live music, illustrating stories of rural life, folklore and community values.

Cultural Excursion (Hoi An)

Hoi An Field Trip and Private Dinner

New Rose City Consult arranged a field trip and private dinner in Hoi An that highlighted the city's role as both a UNESCO World Heritage Site and a hub for women-led small and medium enterprises (SMEs). The evening was hosted in partnership with Hoa Hien Restaurant, a women-owned enterprise known for promoting sustainable culinary practices and local heritage.

As part of the program, participants toured the historic trading port of Hoi An, where cultural preservation meets modern entrepreneurship. These site tours were enriched by the presence of Dr. Chu Manh Trinh and Ms. Tuyet, both former U.S. Fulbright Fellows. Their expertise provided valuable perspectives on heritage conservation, coastal ecology, and community-based tourism, while also illustrating the role of academic and cultural exchange in deepening U.S.–Vietnam ties.

The gathering built on a long tradition of study abroad exchange programs that have linked Oregon and Vietnam, providing students, educators, and entrepreneurs with opportunities for cross-cultural learning.



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IX. Appendices

A. Itinerary

Date(s)	Itinerary	Location
Thursday September 4	Delegation Travel Day	PDX>SGN
Friday September 5	US Consulate Briefing and Welcome	HCMC
	Official Meetings with People’s Council of Ho Chi Minh City with Permanent Vice Chairman Pham Thanh Kien and Investment and Trade Promotion Center (ITPC) representative	
	International Supplier Expo at Saigon Exhibition and Convention Center (SECC) State Representative Daniel Loc Nguyen delivered a welcome speech at “ International Trade in the New Context: Opportunities and Challenges for Viet Nam ” session Tour Booth Exhibitions/Products Demonstrations	
	Friends of Oregon Reception with sponsored by Port of Portland (Invitation Only)	HCMC



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Date(s)	Itinerary	Location
Saturday September 6	Conference: Connecting International Supply Chain and E-Commerce – Tay Ninh - Signing of a Memorandum of Understanding between the Port of Portland and Long An International Port by Mr. William David Robertson – Chief Public Affairs Officer of Port of Portland and Mr. Vo Quoc Huy – Chairman of the Board of Directors, Long An International Port	Tay Ninh
	Meeting with Vice Deputy MOIT – Ms. Phan Thi Thang	
	US-VN Friendship Festival at Le Loi Street (Organized by US Embassy and Vietnam Union of Friendship Organizations)	
Sunday September 7	Morning Business Meetings/Tours	Da Nang
	Travel to Da Nang Site Tours to Hoi An UNESCO World Heritage Site with Dr. Chu Manh Trinh and Tuyet (Former US	



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Date(s)	Itinerary	Location
	Fulbright Fellows)	
Monday September 8	Da Nang City Official Meetings - Meeting Vice Chairman Ho Ky Minh of the Da Nang People's Committee - Da Nang Semiconductor and AI Center	Ha Noi
	Travel to Ha Noi	
Tuesday September 9	Meeting with Mr. Tran Duc Thang, Acting Minister of Agriculture and Environment	Ha Noi
	Meeting with Mr. Tran Quoc Phuong, Vice Minister of Finance (with FIA and NIC representatives)	
	Meeting with Mr. Nguyen Thanh Nghi, Chairman of the Central Commission for Policy and Strategy	
	Meeting with Mr. Nguyen Duc Hai, Vice Chairman of the National Assembly	
Tuesday September 9	Meeting with Mr. Ngo Le Van, Vice Minister of Foreign Affairs	Ha Noi



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Date(s)	Itinerary	Location
	Oregon Trade Delegation Reception with Ministries sponsored by Port of Portland (Invitation Only) and Vietnam Oregon Initiative Network	
Wednesday September 10	Cultural Day Activities to Hoan Kiem Lake, Hue Restaurant, Pottery Village and Water Puppet Show led by Madame Loan with support from the Consulate's Office and Madame Ambassador Mai	Ha Noi
Thursday September 11	Delegation Travel Day	HAN>PDX

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3. Key Activities



3.1. High-Level Meetings

3.1.1. National Assembly



Meeting with Mr. Nguyen Duc Hai, Vice Chairman of the National Assembly

Vice Chairman Hai warmly welcomed the Oregon delegation during the year marking the 30th anniversary of Vietnam–U.S. diplomatic relations and strategic exchanges government to government on public policy topics ranging from Performance Auditing to Resource Management. He acknowledged the significant progress achieved through past cooperation, notably the Vietnam–Oregon Initiative launched in 2015 and subsequent agreements, including the 2022 Memorandum of Understanding with Vietnam’s Ministry of Industry and Trade. Building on his earlier experience as Party Secretary of Quang Nam province, where he supported international collaboration projects, Mr. Hai reaffirmed the National Assembly’s role in fostering stronger legislative and economic cooperation with U.S. partners.

3.1.2. Central Commission for Policy and Strategy



Meeting with Mr. Nguyen Thanh Nghi, Chairman of the Central Commission for Policy and Strategy

The discussions centered on long-term strategic cooperation, especially in policy formulation to promote trade, investment, and development partnerships. Chairman Nghi welcomed Oregon's interest in Vietnam's innovation-driven growth and stressed the importance of strengthening bilateral ties through shared vision and collaboration in science, technology, and education.

3.1.3. Ministry of Agriculture & Environment



Meeting with Mr. Tran Duc Thang, Acting Minister of Agriculture and Environment

The delegation engaged in a constructive dialogue on sustainable agriculture with potential areas to enhance trade in animal feed and value-added products. There were also discussions on agtech and university to university collaborations on R&D.

3.1.4. Ministry of Finance



Meeting with Mr. Tran Quoc Phuong, Vice Minister of Finance (with FIA and NIC representatives)

This session focused on Vietnam's financial policies and investment incentives, particularly those designed to attract foreign capital and foster innovation. The Vice Minister emphasized the government's commitment to creating a transparent, stable, and investor-friendly environment. The presence of FIA and NIC highlighted Vietnam's strategic direction in advancing innovation ecosystems, which aligns with Oregon's strengths in technology and sustainable industries.

Following the meeting, Oregon business representatives visited the National Innovation Center (NIC), which showcased Vietnam's dynamic progress in technology and innovation. This visit inspired discussions about future collaboration in green growth, agri-tech, and environmental management.

3.1.5. Ministry of Foreign Affairs



Meeting with Mr. Ngo Le Van, Vice Minister of Foreign Affairs

The conversation underscored the importance of diplomacy in advancing bilateral relations. Both parties reaffirmed their commitment to building a comprehensive partnership, with a focus on economic cooperation, people-to-people exchanges, and joint efforts in areas such as renewable energy, higher education, and technological innovation.

3.1.6. Ministry of Industry and Trade



Meeting with Vice Deputy MOIT - Ms. Phan Thi Thang

On September 6, in Tay Ninh, Deputy Minister Phan Thi Thang of Vietnam's Ministry of Industry and Trade met with Representative Daniel Loc Nguyen and the Oregon business delegation during the Viet Nam International Sourcing 2025 event. The Deputy Minister reaffirmed Vietnam's commitment to expanding bilateral economic relations, emphasizing that Oregon's strengths in advanced technology, agricultural production, and logistics present strong complementary opportunities. A key milestone of this

meeting was the signing of an MOU between Portland Port and Long An International Port, aimed at improving supply chain connectivity and facilitating smoother trade.

3.1.7. Ho Chi Minh City People's Committee



Meeting with Permanent Vice Chairman Pham Thanh Kien of the Ho Chi Minh City People's Council

Ho Chi Minh City highlighted three priority areas for future cooperation—biotechnology and healthcare, food and beverage manufacturing, and high-tech agriculture. As the city advances its role as a regional financial center, strengthened by expanding ports and modern infrastructure, new opportunities are emerging for shared investment and the exchange of best practices in smart city technologies. Both sides recognized that these sectors hold significant potential for mutual benefit, and discussions also pointed toward developing a Memorandum of Understanding to establish a strong framework for long-term partnership.

3.1.8. Da Nang People's Committee



Meeting Vice Chairman Ho Ky Minh of the Da Nang People's Committee

The discussion expressed strong interest in fostering cooperation in high-tech industries, semiconductors, artificial intelligence, and food processing. The discussions also touched on the city's ambition to develop an international financial center and free trade zone, offering exciting prospects for future collaboration. During the visit, the Oregon group toured Software Park No. 2 and the Da Nang Semiconductor & AI Training Centre, which further showcased the city's commitment to innovation and technology-driven growth.

3.2. Conference Participation

3.2.1. Da Nang Semiconductor and AI Center

The Oregon delegation were welcomed by Director Mr. Le Hoang Phuc who introduced the city's ambitions and progress to date to position Da Nang as a regional hub for high-tech development, focusing on semiconductors and artificial intelligence. He outlined plans to expand international cooperation in chip design, testing, and packaging, while also developing workforce training programs in partnership with universities and global companies such as Intel and Qualcomm. The visit highlighted Da Nang's forward-looking strategy and opened opportunities for Oregon businesses to engage in the city's innovation-driven growth. Director Phuc was in Portland in early 2024 for the Da Nang Investment Forum as part of a delegation exchange funded by the World Bank.

3.2.2. Viet Nam International Sourcing - HCMC

The delegation took part in Vietnam International Sourcing (VIS) 2025, one of the country's premier international sourcing exhibitions. The event connected Vietnamese suppliers with global distributors, retailers, and importers, including participants from the U.S. Oregon businesses joined B2B meetings, toured production sites, and learned more about Vietnam's capabilities in agriculture, food processing, textiles, and manufacturing. The event underscored Vietnam's increasing role in global supply chains, while also giving Oregon companies a platform to identify new partners and strengthen trade opportunities.

A notable highlight was the seminar "International Trade in the New Context: Opportunities and Challenges for Vietnam" held at the Saigon Exhibition and Convention Center (SECC). During the opening session, State Representative Daniel Loc Nguyen delivered a welcome speech, underscoring Oregon's commitment to strengthening bilateral trade ties and encouraging collaboration in supply chains, sustainable industries, and innovation. His remarks set a positive tone for discussions on global market shifts, trade protectionism, and strategies for Vietnamese enterprises to navigate international challenges.

3.2.3. Conference: Connecting International Supply Chain and E-Commerce - Tay Ninh

The event gathered over one hundred businesses, retailers, and e-commerce platforms, including Amazon, Alibaba, Walmart, and Aeon. A major highlight was the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding between the Port of Portland and Long An International

Port by Mr. William David Robertson - Chief Public Affairs Officer of Port of Portland and Mr. Vo Quoc Huy - Chairman of the Board of Directors, Long An International Port. This aimed at strengthening port-to-port collaboration, enhancing logistics efficiency, and expanding bilateral trade flows. During the ceremony, Mr. William David Robertson delivered a presentation outlining the port's vision for closer cooperation with Vietnamese partners, particularly in building sustainable and resilient supply chains. State Representative Daniel Loc Nguyen joined the signing ceremony as an honored witness, further emphasizing Oregon's commitment to advancing long-term partnerships with Vietnam. This moment marked a significant milestone in deepening economic ties between the two sides.

3.3. Receptions and Networking Events

Friends of Oregon Reception (HCMC)

On September 5, 2025, the Oregon delegation hosted the Friends of Oregon Reception in Ho Chi Minh City. The event brought together government officials, business leaders, and long-standing partners to celebrate the 30th anniversary of normalized U.S.–Vietnam relations and more than a decade of Oregon trade missions to Vietnam. The reception also highlighted the establishment of the Oregon Legislative Trade Caucus, co-chaired by Representatives Daniel Nguyen and Shelly Boshart Davis. With over 70 distinguished guests in attendance, the gathering served as an important occasion to reaffirm Oregon's enduring friendship with Vietnam and to explore new opportunities for collaboration in trade, investment, and cultural exchange.



US Vietnam 30th Anniversary Friendship Festival (Ho Chi Minh City)

On invitation by the U.S. Consulate, members of the Oregon Delegation joined the U.S.–Vietnam Friendship Festival on September 6, 2025. The gathering was informal in nature, but rooted in the spirit of people-to-people connections, highlighting shared ties in education, sports, and diplomacy. The Saigon Heat engaged attendees on the basketball court, echoing the presence of Andre Huynh of the Da Nang Dragons, who had recently represented Central Vietnam at a similar Friendship Festival. Andre, part of a sports diplomacy campaign celebrating heritage players, has long bridged these connections—having served as a fellow with the Vietnam Oregon Initiative Network and co-leading the Dare2Dream youth basketball camp with the Oregon Vietnamese American Cultural Center (OVACC).



Oregon Trade Delegation Reception (Hanoi)

On September 9, 2025, the Oregon delegation held the Oregon Trade Delegation Reception at the Hotel de l'Opera Hanoi. The evening marked a celebration of 30 years of U.S.-Vietnam relations and over 10 years of Oregon-Vietnam trade missions, while also introducing the newly formed Legislative Trade Caucus. Attendees included Vietnamese government officials, representatives from the business community, and members of the Vietnam-Oregon Initiative Network (VOIN). With nearly 60 guests participating, the reception provided a welcoming platform to strengthen partnerships, promote peace, and sow the seeds of prosperity, reflecting Oregon's long-term commitment to deepening economic and cultural ties with Vietnam.



Both receptions were proudly **sponsored by the Port of Portland**, underscoring the port’s strong commitment to fostering international, two way trade and logistics partnerships with Vietnam.

7. Appendices

7.1. Itinerary

Date(s)	Itinerary	Location
Thursday September 4	Delegation Travel Day	
Friday September 5	US Consulate Briefing and Welcome Official Meetings with People’s Council of Ho Chi Minh City with Permanent Vice Chairman Pham Thanh Kien and Investment and Trade Promotion Center (ITPC) representative	HCMC

	International Supplier Expo at Saigon Exhibition and Convention Center (SECC) – State Representative Daniel Loc Nguyen delivered a welcome speech at “International Trade in the New Context: Opportunities and Challenges for Viet Nam” session Tour Booth Exhibitions/Products Demonstrations	
	Friends of Oregon Reception with sponsored by Port of Portland (Invitation Only)	HCMC
Saturday September 6	Conference: Connecting International Supply Chain and E-Commerce - Tay Ninh – Signing of a Memorandum of Understanding between the Port of Portland and Long An International Port by Mr. William David Robertson - Chief Public Affairs Officer of Port of Portland and Mr. Vo Quoc Huy - Chairman of the Board of Directors, Long An International Port	Tay Ninh
	Meeting with Vice Deputy MOIT - Ms. Phan Thi Thang	
	US-VN Friendship Festival at Le Loi Street (Organized by US Embassy and Vietnam Union of Friendship Organizations)	

Sunday September 7	Business Meetings/Tours	Da Nang
	Travel to Da Nang Site Tours to Hoi An UNESCO World Heritage Site	
Monday September 8	Da Nang City Official Meetings – Meeting Vice Chairman Ho Ky Minh of the Da Nang People’s Committee – Da Nang Semiconductor and AI Center	Ha Noi
	Travel to Ha Noi	
Tuesday September 9	Meeting with Mr. Tran Duc Thang, Acting Minister of Agriculture and Environment	Hanoi
	Meeting with Mr. Tran Quoc Phuong, Vice Minister of Finance (with FIA and NIC representatives)	
	Meeting with Mr. Nguyen Thanh Nghi, Chairman of the Central Commission for Policy and Strategy	
	Meeting with Mr. Nguyen Duc Hai, Vice Chairman of the National Assembly	
	Meeting with Mr. Ngo Le Van, Vice Minister of Foreign Affairs	
Tuesday September 9	Meeting with Mr. Ngo Le Van, Vice Minister of Foreign Affairs	Ha Noi

	Oregon Trade Delegation Reception with Ministries sponsored by Port of Portland (Invitation Only)	
Wednesday September 10	Free Day for Business Meetings/Tours	Hanoi
Thursday September 11	Delegation Travel Day	

7.2. Delegation Bios

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7.3. Media & Publications

U.S. News

[Oregon lawmakers travel to Vietnam, strengthen trade ties with port-to-port deal](#) – KPIC news

Vietnam News

[NA Vice Chairman welcomes US's Oregon State Representative](#) – People's Army Newspaper

[NA Vice Chairman welcomes US's Oregon State Representative](#) – Vietnam News

[NA Vice Chairman welcomes US's Oregon State Representative](#) – Vietnam Net

[Trưởng Ban Chính sách, chiến lược Trung Ương Nguyễn Thanh Nghị tiếp và làm việc với Đoàn Hạ nghị sĩ Bang Oregon, Hoa Kỳ](#)

[HCMC proposes 3 fields of cooperation with Oregon, U.S.](#)

[Thứ trưởng Phan Thi Thắng làm việc với Hạ nghị sĩ bang Oregon Hoa Kỳ](#)

[Da Nang proposes hi-tech cooperation with Oregon \(USA\)](#)

[US businesses flock to HCM City for Vietnam International Sourcing 2025 | VTV](#)