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DR. NG-TRUNG HIEU Chicago, Illinois

- Presidential Medal of Community Service presented at the White House by President Ronald Reagan (April, 1983)
- Council Member, Asian American Advisory Council to the Governor of Illinois (1982-1988)
- Committee Member, Mayor of Chicago's Capital Improvement Advisory Committee (1999-2002)
- Founder, Asian American Coalition of Chicago, Inc. (From 1982 to present)

Community Service • Dr. Ng-Trung Hieu is Executive Director of Nghia Sinh International, also known as the International Association of Volunteers for Human Service and Leadership Development. • Founded by Dr. Hieu in 1963, this organization helped thousands of orphans and war victims for eleven years in Vietnam. • In the United States, Nghia Sinh has sponsored and resettled more than one thousand Southeast Asian refugees since 1975. The organization has involved thousands of volunteers in helping people help themselves. • Dr. Hieu represented Nghia Sinh in meetings with American ambassadors to the Philippines, Hong Kong, Thailand, Malaysia, Singapore and Indonesia in the summers of 1983, 1984, 1985 and 1986 to discuss Southeast Asian refugee resettlement issues and projects.

Educational Background • A graduate of the University of Saigon, Ng-Trung Hieu also attended the University of Chicago, Loyola University, Northwestern University and Governors State University, earning five master's degrees, a Certificate of Advanced Study and two doctorate degrees. • Dr. Hieu, the author of three bilingual books, has been teaching at the National College of Education, the City College of Chicago, DePaul University and Clemente Community Academy. • Over the past 30 years, Dr. Hieu was a speaker at more than one hundred workshops on Vietnamese and American cross-cultural communications, held at various universities and colleges throughout the United States.

Public Service • Dr. Ng-Trung Hieu served as a Council Member of the Asian American Advisory Council to the Governor of Illinois for six years, 1982-1988; a Committee Member of the Asian American Advisory Committee to U.S. Senator Paul Simon for three years, 1985-1988; and a Committee Member to the Mayor of Chicago's Capital Improvement Advisory Committee for three years, 1999-2002. • Dr. Hieu was a Board Director of the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards (NBPTS) for six years, 1989-1994. In this capacity, Hieu again found himself the first Asian ever appointed to an important, prestigious American educational organization. The Board operates with a budget of more than fifty million dollars for investment in American education. Its funding is provided by the United States Congress, private foundations and American corporations. The NBPTS seeks to reach down to the grassroots of all America, and is an important nerve center for improving education across the United States. • Dr. Ng-Trung Hieu also spent six years working with other NBPTS Board Members, such as the Governors of Iowa, Ohio, New Jersey, North Carolina, the Mayor of Chicago, and with the presidents and deans of Columbia University, Yale University, Stanford University, as well as Presidents of Boeing Capital Corp, Hewlett-Packard, IBM, among others. • He also served as a board member of the Board of Directors, Northeastern Illinois University foundation for three years, 1997-2000.

Awards & Honors • In Washington, D.C., President Ronald Reagan presented Dr. Ng-Trung Hieu with the President's Community Service Medallion at the White House in April 1983, for his outstanding and dedicated service to America. • In Illinois, Dr. Hieu received the State Board of Education's "Those Who Excel" Award in 1979 • In Chicago, Dr. Ng-Trung Hieu was honored with the "Golden Apple" Award in a show broadcast by PBS-TV in May of 1987, and the "Thomas Jefferson Public Service" Award in a show broadcast by NBC-TV 5 Chicago in May of 1996. • Dr. Hieu's story has appeared in a number of U.S. local and national newspapers, including the Chicago Tribune, Chicago Sun-Times, and

Washington Post. Dr. Hieu also has appeared on ABC, CBS and NBC television programs aired in Chicago. In addition, he is listed in *Who's Who in America* (1986) and *Who's Who in the World* (1987), and the *Pride of the Vietnamese* (1995).

Public Service (before 1974) • Prior to 1974, Dr. Hieu was a Training Officer for the U.S. Agency for International Development, an Instructor at the National School of Social Work, the Director of the Vietnamese Social Service Center, and the Principal of Nghia-Viet High School in Saigon. • He was awarded four Medals of Honor by the Prime Minister of Vietnam and the Ministers of the Departments of Education, Labor, and Social Services for helping the poor and the needy, and for his dedicated social and human service to the community. • On June 27, 1968, the President of Vietnam invited Nguyen Trung Hieu to the Independence Palace to meet with him and discuss the social welfare issues and educational projects of the nation. • Dr. Ng-Trung Hieu represented the Republic of Vietnam in the World and Asian Youth Conferences held in Japan, Singapore, and Taiwan in 1968, 1969, and 1970, respectively. • He is married to Dr. Mai Nguyen, MD. They live in East Lakeview area of Chicago.

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