

# Preface

Vietnam Nationalist Party (Việt Nam Quốc Dân Đảng—VNP) was one of the patriotic and revolutionary parties that played a great role in the national liberation of Vietnam in the first half of the nineteenth century. However, after independence was restored in the North (1954) and in the whole country (1975), there no systematic examination of party. This study was originally designed to fill this lacunae in scholarly studies of the independence movement by providing a number of systematic and comprehensive evaluations of the VNP with the intention of tracing the development of this organization from its establishment in December 1927 to its disastrous defeat and suppression connected with the failure of the VNP designed during the Yen Bai uprising, after which it declined as a major historical force. It was completed in 2005 with support from the Asia Research Fund, Vietnam National University, Hanoi, and Social Sciences Publisher (Khoa học Xã hội).

However, in the seven years since that study took place, a few monographs were published relevant to the study of the VNP, such as *Lịch sử Chính phủ Việt Nam/History of Vietnamese Government*, Volume 1 (Hanoi: Chính trị Quốc gia Publisher 2006) and Francois Giullemot's *Đại Việt/Great Vietnam*, (Paris: Indes Savants, 2012). Additionally, I continued to collect more materials on the operations of the VNP itself, especially on its activities after the Yen Bai uprising through to the complete liberation of the North (1954). I discovered that the VNP, despite its decline as a revolutionary movement after the establishment of the Vietnam Communist Party in 1930 and the Yen Bai disaster, remained active as nationalist and anti-communist groups whose overseas operations were aimed at disrupting the Communist Party and Vietnamese revolutionary movements. These additional materials and insights have prompted me to add a new chapter (Chap. 5) to this edition of my work which offers much in-depth information on the organization and operations of various parties/groups associated with the VNP and the VNP itself after its suppression by the French in 1930. I have also taken this opportunity to broaden the treatment accorded to the VNP in this work's introductory and concluding sections. It is my hope that this current paper will help readers

make a fuller and more accurate evaluation of the role of this political party in the Vietnamese national revolution during the first half of the nineteenth century.

Keeping in mind the spirit of all scholarly inquiry, I welcome constructive feedback from my colleagues and readers so that I can continue to revise and make further improvements to this book.

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