

Cha-am, Petchaburi, Thailand  
27 February 2009

H.E. Vu Huy Hoang  
Minister of Industry and Trade  
Socialist Republic of Viet Nam  
HA NOI

Dear Minister

I have the honour to refer to our discussions on the subject of a Working Holiday Scheme between New Zealand and Viet Nam. I wish to propose that officials from New Zealand and Viet Nam enter into negotiations for a reciprocal Working Holiday Scheme arrangement.

The Working Holiday Scheme would be open to up to 100 citizens of each country who meet that country's requirements for a working holiday maker, which for a working holiday maker from Viet Nam coming to New Zealand will include, *inter alia*:

- A university qualification granted in respect of a minimum of three years' full time study;
- A level of proficiency in English which is assessed as at least functional;
- Possession of sufficient funds for his/her maintenance during the period of stay in New Zealand at the discretion of the relevant authorities. This would currently be set at NZ\$4,200.

If the above proposal is acceptable to Viet Nam, I propose that this letter and your confirmatory reply constitute a record of the joint understanding between New Zealand and the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam to enter into negotiations for a Working Holiday Scheme.

Yours sincerely

Hon Tim Groser  
Minister of Trade  
New Zealand

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Dear Minister,

I refer to our discussions on the subject of a Working Holiday Scheme between New Zealand and Viet Nam and your letter of 27 February 2009 which reads:

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If the above proposal is acceptable to Viet Nam, I propose that this letter and your confirmatory reply constitute a record of the joint understanding between New Zealand and the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam to enter into negotiations for a Working Holiday Scheme.”

I have the honour to confirm that your proposal is acceptable to Viet Nam. Therefore, your letter and this reply constitute a record of the joint understanding between New Zealand and the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam to enter into negotiations for a Working Holiday Scheme.

Yours sincerely,

H.E. Vu Huy Hoang

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