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GTA Vietnamese Community Donates Over \$19,000 to Tribute to Liberty for the Memorial to Victims of Totalitarian Communism

TORONTO, June 17, 2010—The Vietnamese Toronto Committee to Support the Memorial to Victims of Totalitarian Communism presented Tribute to Liberty with a donation of over \$19,000 for the *Memorial to Victims of Totalitarian Communism – Canada, a Land of Refuge* to be built in Ottawa.

“This meaningful memorial project urgently needs the continuing support from all communities, from its beginning to the victory end, when we can proudly unveil our shared monument in Ottawa,” says Mr. Phep Nguyen, Vietnamese Fundraising Dinner Organizing Committee Chair.

The Vietnamese Toronto Committee to Support the Memorial to Victims of Totalitarian Communism organized a fundraising dinner for the memorial on May 29, 2010, at the Bright Pearl Restaurant in Toronto. The event was attended by over 400 people.

“Tribute to Liberty is grateful for the generous support of the Vietnamese community. A lot of hard work is going into their fundraising efforts,” says Tribute to Liberty Board Chair Alide Forstmanis. “This memorial is for all the communities, like the Vietnamese, who suffered under Communism.”

In September 2009 the National Capital Commission (NCC) approved Tribute to Liberty’s proposal to build the memorial on National Capital Region land. Tribute to Liberty is working with the NCC to find a suitable piece of land for the memorial and will announce a national design competition later in 2010. Unveiling of the memorial is planned for fall 2011.

Tribute to Liberty is a registered charity in Canada and can issue tax receipts for donations to the *Memorial to Victims of Totalitarian Communism – Canada, a Land of Refuge*. Tribute to Liberty’s grassroots fundraising campaign, the *Pathway to Liberty*, allows donors to tell a story of a victim of Communism or make a dedication with their donation. The campaign is online at www.tributetoliberty.ca.

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