



Vietnamese American Medical Association 2009 Annual Convention

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Letter of Invitation



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Dear Professors, Colleagues, and Friends:

Every Summer or Fall, Vietnamese health care professionals who wear “the white-lab coats” have an opportunity to mix and mingle, to share old memories, and to establish new friendship among physicians, dentists, and pharmacists who share Vietnamese tradition and heritage. This year, the Vietnamese Physicians, Dentists, Pharmacists Association of Massachusetts (VPDPAM), in conjunction with the Vietnamese American Medical Association (VAMA), have the honor of hosting the 2009 Annual Convention of the VAMA in Boston, the Capital City of Massachusetts. On behalf of the VAMA and the VPDPAM, we would like to extend our warmest invitation to you and your family to join us in historic Boston for the 2009 VAMA Convention.

Unlike previous meetings, the 2009 Convention will be held in a university environment so that we can relive the days of our youth, be close to the younger generation, and revive the feelings of a time when we were especially full of energy, hopes, and dreams.

Some of the attractions await you in Boston include traveling around the city on land and in water via the famous, original Duck Tour and visiting world-renown universities such as Harvard, MIT, Boston University, and the University of Massachusetts. A trip to Boston will also give you the chance to join tours of Niagara Falls, Thousand Islands, or the beautiful cities of Toronto and Quebec in Canada. You will also have the opportunity to enjoy the spectacular fall foliage of New England and to marvel at the mansions of Newport, Rhode Island — among many other possibilities. If you have time, you can also take a short drive to the Big Apple: New York City.

The **Opening Ceremony** on Friday morning, September 18, will feature distinguished invited guests and speakers. The **Reunion Dinner** on Friday evening will be held at an extraordinary restaurant, which is built with original materials from China and showcases a beautiful replica of the Forbidden City. Special programs are also planned for the young health professionals who graduated from universities in the United States.

The **Gala** on Saturday evening, September 19, will be held at the elegant Ballroom of the University of Massachusetts in Boston, and will include special cultural dance shows. In addition, preeminent singers, accompanied by one of the most exceptional Vietnamese musical bands in New England, will give you an unforgettable night in Boston. We are

working to confirm more activities — thus, you can also expect some surprises, too! We sincerely hope that you will join us for all of the activities and events.

In addition, we are arranging fascinating and remarkable topics for the **Continuing Education** program, featuring accomplished Vietnamese physicians, dentists, and pharmacists who are faculty members at distinguished universities or who are leading clinicians in their communities, and yes, we will make sure to leave ample time for discussion in each session.

Together, we strive to make the **2009 VAMA Annual Convention** in Boston a very memorable occasion for all. We look forward to seeing everyone on **September 17, 18, 19, and 20 in Boston, Massachusetts!**

With Warmest Regards,



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