

**HỘI BẢO TỒN DI SẢN CHỮ NÔM**  
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Welcoming letter to the 26th IRG Meeting  
from John Balaban

The Vietnamese Nôm Preservation Foundation has been engaged since 1999 in the digitalization of □ 喃 chữ Nôm, the script which Vietnam used for 1,000 years. We have printed the first modern dictionary of Nôm and are now creating a Nôm digital archive of great works in the ancient script, but also including Nôm texts from Vietnam's ethnic languages.

All this is possible because of the work of the IRG. We thank you and welcome you to Hué.

Dr. Ngô Trung Việt is Vice-President of the Vietnamese Nôm Preservation Foundation and one of Vietnam's prominent IT specialists.

Prof. Nguyễn Quang Hồng is one of Vietnam's most respected Nôm scholars.

We look forward to their report from this IRG meeting.

With many thanks,



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