

Biography of Dr. Quan Q. Nguyen  
Chairman, Rallying for Democracy

Dr Quan Nguyen was born on November 22nd, 1940 in Hung Yen, North Vietnam. His family moved south to Saigon in 1954 after the Geneva Accord . He grew up in Saigon, attended the Saigon Medical School and graduated in 1968 with a National Medical Doctor Degree.

From 1968 to 1975 he served in the South Vietnamese Army with the rank of Captain in the Medical Corp. When South Vietnam fell into the hand of the Communists in April 1975, he escaped by boat and became a refugee in the US.

In 1981 he attended and completed the residency program in Internal Medicine at Georgetown University Medical Service, Washington DC. He has been practicing internal medicine in Northern Virginia ever since.

In addition to his medical practice, Dr. Quan Nguyen has been actively involved in advocating freedom, democracy and human rights in Vietnam for over 25 years. He has campaigned continuously with the US Congress, the State Department and the International Organizations for Human Rights, and the AFL-CIO to pressure the Vietnamese government on improving human rights in Vietnam. Dr. Nguyen and his organization have played a major role in the unanimous passage of the Joint Resolution SJ 168 in the US Congress in May 1994 which President Clinton subsequently signed it into Public Law 103-258 designating May 11th as Vietnam Human Rights Day.

Dr. Quan Nguyen has been invited to testify before the Foreign Relations Committee of the US Senate on 7-21-1993 on “human rights and US policy toward Vietnam” and several times before the various committees of The House of Representatives on issues related to human rights condition in Vietnam. He was also invited to speak before the Italian Parliament on 10-10-2002 about: “Human Rights violations in Vietnam in particular the violations of religious freedom”. He was invited to speak on human rights and democracy for Vietnam at Georgetown University, John F. Kennedy School of Government Of Harvard University as well as before several other international human rights organizations, among them are The Robert F. Kennedy Center For Human Rights, Physicians For Human Rights, The Human Rights Committee of New York Academy and The Committee on Human Rights of The National Academies.

Dr. Nguyen also is the author of a number of articles on human rights in Vietnamese and in English among them “ Prisoner of conscience” on the Far Eastern Economic Review, 5th Column on 2-25-1993, “ Vietnam through rose-tinted glasses” on the Asian Wall Street Journal on 3-25-1997 and “ Freedom for Vietnam, freedom for my brother” on the National Review on the line 3-17-2004.

Dr. Nguyen is Chairman of the Board of the Rallying For Democracy For Vietnam , and also President of The International Committee to Support the Non-violent Movement for Human Rights in Vietnam.