Ambassador Nguyen Quoc Cuong is a career diplomat with extensive experience in foreign affairs. He was appointed by President Nguyen Minh Triet as ambassador extraordinary and plenipotentiary of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam to the United States of America in early 2011.

Prior to Mr. Cuong’s appointment as ambassador, he was deputy foreign minister (2008-11). He was in charge of Vietnam relations with European countries and the press and information affairs. He served as chief negotiator with the Vatican. He was director-general, executive assistant to the deputy prime minister cum minister of foreign affairs, and then appointed assistant minister of foreign affairs (2007-08). He served as deputy director-general of the Department of Multilateral Economic Cooperation, and head of Political and Security Section of the APEC Vietnam 2006 Secretariat (2005-07). Prior to this appointment, Mr. Cuong served as an officer at the China Department and researcher at the Institute of International Relations, Ministry of Foreign Affairs beginning in 1981. During his 30-year career, Mr. Cuong was posted twice to Vietnam’s missions abroad, one as minister counsellor, DCM at the Embassy of Vietnam in Ottawa (2002-05) and the other as second secretary in Beijing (1990-93).

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