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Mr. Cong has a 28-year successful career in leading and supporting the business community in Viet Nam. In 1993, as the founder, he initiated the Viet Nam Youth Business Club (later named the Viet Nam Young Entrepreneurs' Association) and led the national young entrepreneurs' movement for 16 years, contributing to the rapid growth of the Viet Nam economy. In 2002, he co-founded the Viet Nam Software and IT Services

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In recognition of his contribution to the nation, the President of Viet Nam awarded him twice with the Second and the *Third Class Labor Medal*.

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