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## Alert: Vietnam Authorizes U.S. Adoption Service Provider, Alliance for Children, for Intercountry Adoptions from Vietnam to the United States through a Special Adoption Program

Vietnam's Central Adoption Authority, the Ministry of Justice, announced that it has authorized U.S. accredited adoption service provider Alliance for Children to facilitate the adoption of Vietnamese children under the Special Adoption Program. Two other U.S. accredited adoption service providers, Dillon International, Inc. and Holt International Children's Services, Inc., are also authorized to facilitate adoptions in Vietnam.

The United States processes Hague Convention adoptions from Vietnam through a program for children with special needs, children aged five and older, and children in biological sibling groups (Special Adoption Program). Please see this Adoption Notice outlining the Special Adoption Program.

The United States will not, however, process Hague Convention intercountry adoptions from Vietnam that fall outside the parameters of the Special Adoption Program.

The Department of State will provide updated information on adoption.state.gov as it becomes available. If you have any questions about this notice, please contact the Office of Children's Issues at 1-888-407-4747 within the United States, or 202-501-4444 from outside the United States. Email inquiries may be directed to Adoption@state.gov.