Vietnam completes its term at UNESCO council

Vietnam's 3-year term at the UNESCO Executive Council has been finished and the period has affirmed the country's sound strategy on global integration, said Ambassador to UNESCO Duong Van Quang.

>> UNESCO honors Vietnam poet Nguyen Du

Ambassador Quang made the statement when the 37th session of the UNESCO General Assembly wrapped up in Paris last Saturday, November 23.

Several key events took place during Vietnam's council tenure, including its election to the 21-member World Heritage Committee (WHC) of UNESCO for the 2013-2017 tenure and the adoption of a resolution in honor of Vietnamese poet Nguyen Du.

Vietnam has made effective contributions to UNESCO in various fields over the past years and such contributions have been highly valued by the international community and gained high confidence from UNESCO members.

Vietnam marked the 10th anniversary of the Convention for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage in Quang Nam province this June, the ambassador said.

In September 2012, the country celebrated the 40th anniversary of the Convention Concerning the Protection of the World Cultural and Natural Heritage in Ninh Binh province, he added.

Ambassador Quang also stressed that Vietnam had got involved in all important agencies of UNESCO, helping raise the country's position in the region and the world in general.

Vietnam has also actively contributed to expanding cooperation ties between UNESCO the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN), which comprises ten countries: Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand and Vietnam.