



Free time is spent in many ways. Board games are a very popular and enjoyable way to pass time. Many people like these men play outside on a side walk.



Staying healthy is important. Many people wake up early every day to exercise. These people are at a park getting fit in a stretching class called thai cuc quyen.

Soccer, badminton, handball, table tennis, and volleyball are also popular.



Children start going to school at age five and attend a primary school until age eleven. They study reading, writing, and arithmetic. Students wear white shirts with red ties as part of their school uniform.



Farming is very common in many areas of Vietnam. This family farm in Sa Pa is surrounded by terraced rice fields called paddies. Families work hard to plant and harvest the rice by hand.



Many types of transportation can be found on a city road. This busy street is filled with motor bikes, cars, a bus, and a cyclo. A cyclo is a three-wheeled carriage that is powered by a person who pedals from behind.



Most farmers do not have tractors or modern equipment to help them grow crops. Farmers use water buffalo to help with the difficult work of plowing a field or carrying heavy loads.



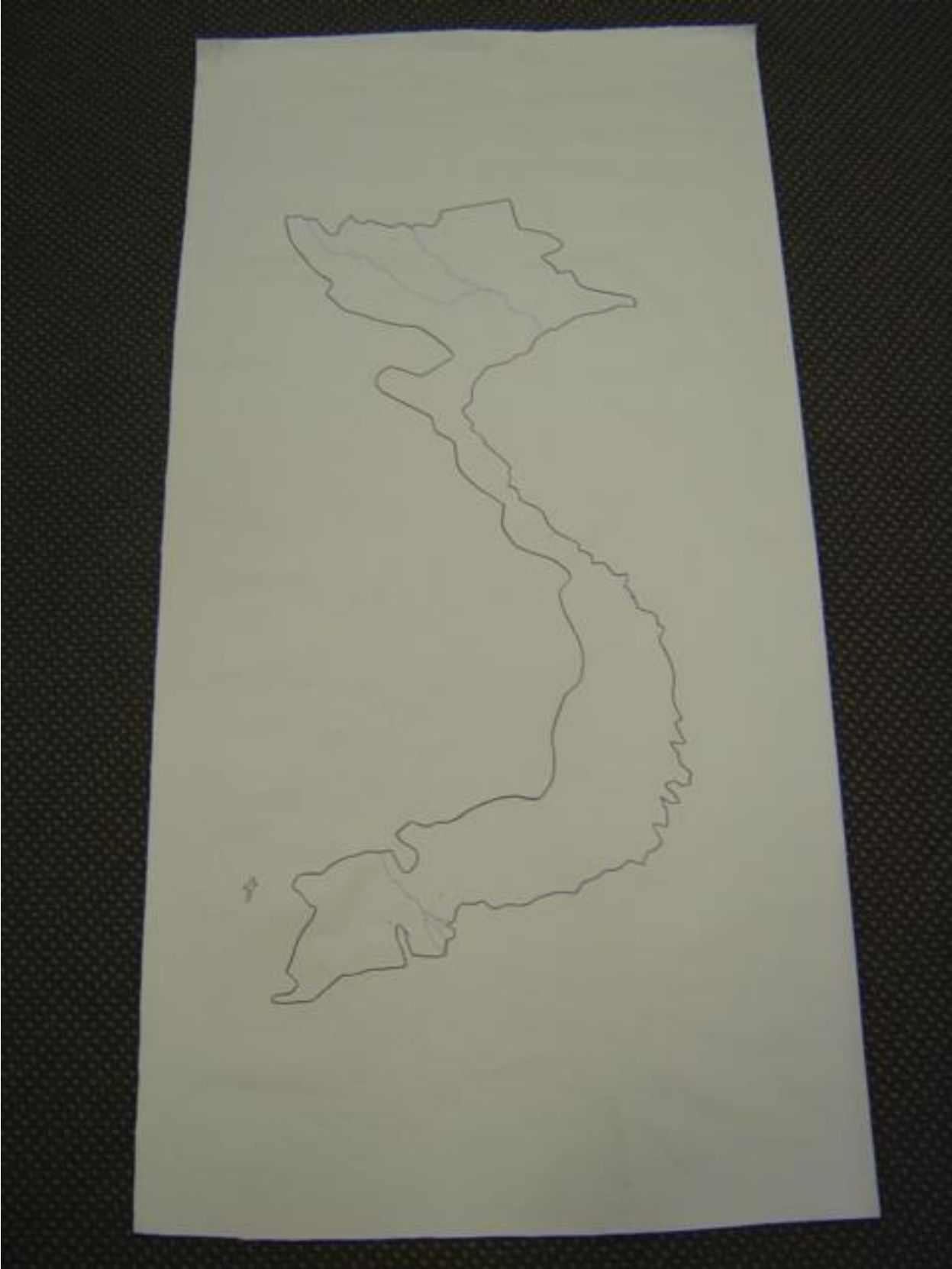
Education is very important in Vietnam. This is an elementary classroom in a rural school in the Can Tho region. Classrooms are very simple because there is very little money for supplies. School is in session from September until June.



Floating restaurants are part of a floating market. This woman makes sandwiches from vegetables and herbs grown nearby. She sells them to hungry people visiting and working at the market.



Floating markets are common in the Mekong Delta region. Boats gather together along the river to sell fresh fruits, vegetables, and other goods. They advertise what they sell by hanging it onto a long pole.



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