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Michael S. Dukakis, Chairman
Distinguished Professor, Northeastern University
1988 Democratic presidential nominee
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Dear Friends and Colleagues,

It's my pleasure to add my congratulations to Nguyen Anh Tuan on his selection as VTV Person of the Year for 2018.

When the Boston Global Forum (BGF) was established, it was my hope that it would become a major venue for the exchange of ideas about pressing international developments. That hope has been realized beyond what I had imagined and there is one person in particular who deserves the most credit for that accomplishment – Nguyen Anh Tuan.

There would be no Boston Global Forum without Tuan. He and Tom Patterson conceived the idea, and they then asked me and John Quelch of the Harvard Business School to join them as the organization's founders. Ever since, it's been Tuan who has taken the lead in expanding our network of scholars, government officials, business leaders, and social activists. That group includes several former heads of government. And it has been Tuan who has taken the lead in organizing our conferences, which now number in excess of a dozen. He has arranged the venues, organized the agendas, invited the key speakers, and provided the technical assistance that has allowed us to stream the conferences. And it was Tuan, through the creation of the Michael Dukakis Institute as part of BGF, who originated and developed our path breaking ethical initiatives in the areas of cybersecurity and artificial intelligence. We all owe Tuan an enormous debt for establishing the Boston Global Forum as a premier venue for promoting world peace and security.

The Boston Global Forum has given me the special opportunity to forge a close friendship with Tuan. He's a truly wonderful man, as well as an inspiring and visionary leader.

My congratulations again to Tuan on this richly deserved honor.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, which appears to read "Michael S. Dukakis". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name being the most prominent.

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