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The Library of the Museum of Vietnamese History (Ho Chi Minh City), formerly a library of the Agricultural and Industrial Committee of Cochin China, (*Comité agricole et industriel de la Cochinchine, 1865-1883*) and the Library of the Society of Indochinese Studies (Bibliothèque de la Société des Etudes indochinoises, 1883-1975) (SEI Library), was officially established in 1883 as the earliest established library in the South of Vietnam.

The SEI library has the role of "*bringing together all the works related to Indochina and its neighboring countries.*" The library's collections are abundant and diverse, including precious and rare materials, whose two main types are books and magazines, mainly in French. The library only serves SEI members, and it is run independently with the funds contributed by its members and sponsors.

On August 23, 1979, the Museum of Vietnamese History (Ho Chi Minh City) was officially established, receiving artifacts from the National Museum of Vietnam in Saigon (1956-1975) and the SEI. The SEI library was then renamed into The Library of the Museum of Vietnamese History (Ho Chi Minh City).

Some typical materials

- The book "Three talents" means the set of three elements: Heaven, Earth and Human, including 95 books, edited by Vương Kỳ, then amended by his son Vương Tú Nghĩa and reproduced in China by his grandchildren Vương Nhi Tân in 1607-1609. The library has 90 books.

- Dictionnaire Annamite. 2 volumes / Huynh Tinh Cua - Saigon, 1895-1896.

- The Mekong Delta Archeology (L'Archeologie du Delta du Mékong). Louis Masseret - Paris, 1959-1963.

- Journal of Agricultural and Industrial Committee of Cochin China, (*Bulletin du Comité agricole et Industriel de la Cochinchine: BCAI, 1865-1883*), examining issues related to agricultural and industrial development in the South of Vietnam.

- "Gia Dinh Newspaper" - The first Vietnamese Roman Alphabet Magazine in Vietnam, the Library has the newspapers published in 1882 and 1884.

- Journal of the Society of Indochinese Studies (Buletin de la Société des Etudes indochinisation: BSEI, 1883-1975).

- Journal of the French School of the Far East (Buletin de l'Ecole Française d'Extrême - Orient: BEFEO, 1901-1971, 1978).

- Journal The Friends of Hue city (Buletin des Amis du vieux Hue: BAVH, 1914-1944).

- French-Vietnamese Dictionary (Petite dictionnaire français - Annamite) / Trương Vinh Kỳ, Saigon, 1884 -1192 pages.

- Thailand – French – Vietnamese dictionary Dictionnaire siamois – français – anglais)/ Pallegoix.- Bangkok, 1896 - 1166 pages.

- Directory of the Cochinchine - French from 1869 – 1871 (Annuaire de la Cochinchine - française de 1869 - 1871) / A.Landes, A. Flolot.

- The Archipelagoes of Hoang Sa and Truong Sa according to ancient Vietnamese books of history and geography (Les Archipels de Hoang Sa et Truong Sa selon les anciens ouvrages Vietnamiens d'histoire et de géographie) / Vo Long Te – Saigon, 1974- 201 pages.