

*The 10<sup>th</sup> HCM City Book Fair will be held from March 19-25 at District 1's Lê Văn Tám Park, according to the city's Department of Information and Communication.*



*The 9th HCM City Book Fair in 2016. The 10th HCM City Book Fair will be held next March. – VNA/VNS Photo Phụng Vy*

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The book fair, with the theme “Books – Culture, Integration and Development”, is organised by the city’s People Committee, Department of Information and Communication, Saigon Cultural Products Corporation, HCM City Book Distribution Corporation (Fahasa), and other companies.

The fair is expected to have more than 800 book stalls, with some of them taking up hundreds of square metres, and 27 per cent more stalls than the last book fair in 2016. A total of 350,000 book titles, with multiple copies available for sale, will be displayed.

Stationery manufacturers and more than 200 publishers will attend.

Foreign publishers have also been invited including English publishers (Oxford University Press, Cambridge, National Geographic and others), as well as publishers from countries such as Spain, Germany, Japan, South Korea, Indonesia and others.

In addition, the book fair will have areas for reading, book exchange, author panels, promotion of new books, and showcases of new technologies related to book publishing and e-book selling.

A 10-20 per cent discount will be applied for books and other items during the first few days of the fair, and will increase up to 50 per cent on the last three days.

There will be free wifi at the book fair, and stalls will not be allowed to play their own music and announcements to reduce noise.

The HCM City Book Fair, the largest book in the country, has been held every two years since 2000.

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