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Professor Tommy Koh (L), chairman of the Singapore National Heritage Board, presents a reference book to HCMC vice chairman Nguyen Trung Tin (R) and the city's Department of Culture and Information's deputy director Le Ton Thanh (C) during a meeting at the City Hall last Friday.

Arriving in Hanoi early last week, Prof Koh hopes to establish ties in the field of culture between the two countries, especially in preservation activities.

At the meeting, Koh said that a Vietnamese Culture Festival would be organized for the first time in Singapore on April or May next year.

"During recent years, Vietnam and Singapore have good relations in political and economic areas. However, Singaporeans still know little about Vietnamse culture. It is the reason why we have decided to organize this event," said Koh, adding the "Singapore Culture Festival" would be also organized in Vietnam later.

Tommy Koh is also chairman of the Singapore Institute of Policy Studies, Chinese Heritage Center and ambassador-at-large at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

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