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A monumental stone statue of Ho Chi Minh, outside city hall in Ho Chi Minh City, shows him gently touching a young girl's head. She is looking down towards the book he holds. "Uncle Ho" is recognizable by his characteristic goatee. This Soviet or Communist style statue presents Ho Chi Minh as a kindly older male relative, with his arm protecting the girl beside him. The statue's form suggests that Ho Chi Minh was, and is, like a father, educating the Vietnam nation and people. The presentation also implies that the nation and its citizens are vulnerable, precious, and uneducated like young children.



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