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**EDITORIAL****GREATNESS HAILS FROM EXCELLENCE**

As we enter the threshold of year 2013, we cannot avoid looking back at the significant achievements of Thai Nguyen University in training/instruction, research development and community outreach, infrastructure development, international collaboration programs with foreign countries, among others.

It is a fact that the previous year 2012 is neither an end nor a beginning, but a going on strategy with all the wisdom that experience can infuse in us. Thus, the past year serves as a guide in knowing that the strength of our achievements is rooted in the depth of our passion and commitment to work for the advancement of TNU towards excellence.

TNU has made important progress in several crucial trends. The previous year had offered great potential for training/teaching collaborations and research development to mention a few, thus, providing a number of new and innovative challenges. However, as President of Thai Nguyen University, I am confident about the bright future of this university, considering that the key leaders and all constituent and stakeholders under the spear of influence of TNU exemplify the pioneering spirit that has served us so well. With this, the university has lined-up various activities for the current year, as follows: development of more international collaborations with reputable foreign universities and agencies, conduct of quality scientific researches, furtherance of activities for community outreach and technology transfer, faculty-staff and students' trainings and development, and development of modern facilities and infrastructure.

Let us be united without doubt that we will meet the challenges and ensure remarkable performances through the collaborative work and cooperation of the academic community members who are profoundly committed in achieving excellence for our university.

Lastly, I would like to share to everyone that the source of true achievements lies in the strength of character to be the best we can become great..., along these lines **"Greatness Hails from Excellence."**

Assoc. Prof. Dr. DANG KIM VUI
President

TNU: Updated General Information

Thai Nguyen University, a regional higher education institution in the northern mountainous region has accomplished remarkable achievements in performing its mandates in providing quality higher education and training, conduct of scientific researches and technology transfer, development of international linkages with foreign countries, among others.



Headquarter of TNU

For the current status, Thai Nguyen university (TNU) has 23 affiliated divisions, including 7 member universities: University of Technology, University of Education, University of Agriculture and Forestry, University of Medicine and Pharmacy, University of Sciences, University of Economics and Business Administration, University of Information and Communication Technology, 1 Associate College of Economics and Techniques, 2 affiliated schools: School of Foreign Languages and International School, 3 research institutes, 1 hospital, 1 publishing house and 8 centers. Four (4) centers were recently established in 2012, namely Centre for Human Resource Development for Foreign Languages studies, Centre for Information Technology, Centre for Pre-Doctoral Training and Centre for Distance Learning.



1. Faculty and Staff Development

By the end of 2012, the university is consisted of 3.926 staff, including 2.451 lecturers and 1.475 administrative officers. The teaching staff is composed of 94 Professors and Associate Professors (8 Professors and 86 Associate Professors), 343 doctoral degree holders and 1.669 master degree holders.

In 2012, through a number of supporting measures and policies, the university successfully sent a number of lecturers for graduate studies; including 191 candidates for master's degrees, 112 research students, and 156 students of English. Two (2) faculty members were granted the academic rank of full-fledged Professorship.

2. Academic training

Postgraduate studies: Based on the approval of the Ministry of Education and Training (MOET) during the Academic Year 2012-2013, TNU opened four (4) new disciplines for Doctoral degree trainings in Land Management, Education Management, Vietnamese History and Vietnamese Linguistics. In addition, two (2) new disciplines for Master's degree training are in National Geography and in Surgery. Thus, at the present, TNU offers 43 disciplines for Master's degrees and 21 disciplines for Doctoral degrees. The total post-graduate students at TNU are 5056, in which 213 are Ph.D. students, 4.503 are MA students, and 340 are students for specialist doctor programs.

Undergraduate studies: The total population of students is 90.327, including 44.420 regular/full-time undergraduates; 806 part-time students; 2.193 students attending crash courses; 21.680 students of in-service training; 6.596 students of joint-training system; and 211 foreign students.

Last year, TNU awarded 69 scholarships for students with a total expenditure of 314 million VND.

3. Scientific research

TNU has prioritized the cooperation in scientific researches and technology exchange. In 2012, the university had completed a number of tasks with a total of thirty-nine (39) scientific researches and technology exchange on cooperative programs with localities, manufacturing units, and businesses with a total value of roughly 16 billion VND.

In addition, TNU spearheaded the development of twenty-one (21) science and technology tasks at State level, including 11 independent research topics at State level; 5

Protocol research projects funded by Vietnamese Government; 3 bilateral research projects and 3 basic research projects (sponsored by Nafosted Fund).

In the same year, the university also carried out 23 science and technology (S&T) tasks at ministry level, including nine (9) transition research topics since 2011; nine (9) S&T topics at ministry level; one (1) S&T task to support country's education management; and one (1) research capacity improvement project.

Also in the same year, seven hundred forty-one (**741**) topics of student researches were conducted by 1018 participating students with a total expense of **1,011.7** million VND (the amount of 757.5 million VND was subsidized by TNU division's fund). The expense for student research increased by 12.9%, while the total research expense increased by 6.7% in comparison with that in 2011. The student-researchers garnered remarkable awards last year considering that fourteen (14) research papers were submitted and given the award of "Vietnam's Young Talents in Science". The student-researchers won one (1) First Prize, two (2) Second Prizes, three (3) Third Prizes, and three (3) Awards of Encouragement. While for the coaches, the Young Lecturers won two (2) Second Prizes, four (4) Awards of Encouragement and one (1) award for Supervisor for having trained the First-prize winning student.



Multimedia library at Learning Resource Center – TNU

4. International cooperation

At present, 1.500 students are attending academic programs through international collaboration with TNU, 400 of them were admitted in 2012.

Up to now, TNU has joint-partnership training programs with 13 universities (from China, France, the Philippines, Taiwan, Australia, the UK, and India) for the offering of master's degrees in 7 disciplines: Vietnamese (in China); English Language; Business Administration; Public Administration / Management; Education Management; Management Science; Environmental Science; IT and Doctoral degrees in 4 disciplines: English, Business Administration; Education Management; and Public Administration.

Advanced training curriculum

The university is offering five (5) advanced imported curriculums from developed countries offered to 382 students, among which three (3) curricular programs are conducted in accordance with MOET's plan (02 programs from Buffalo University- USA imported by University of Technology, 01 program from UC Davis University- USA imported by University of Agriculture and Forestry).

International cooperation expansion and international cooperative documents

In 2012, TNU signed forty-seven (47) Memoranda of Understanding- MOU and Memoranda of Agreement- MOA, eight (8) of which were signed by TNU President with international organizations and universities.

TNU has also developed an international network for educational transformation (INET) with members of over 400 staff and lecturers from its divisions, who have studied and worked overseas; as well as contact details of 200 individuals and foreign organizations cooperating with TNU and its divisions. The main objective of the network is to link faculty/ staff and student-scholars for global challenge in pursuing their quest for international knowledge and experience and to centralize information regarding all worldwide concerns so that the academic community will find a single place to turn to.

In 2012, TNU had implemented twenty-four (24) projects with a total expense of 1.893.000 USD. The operational expense for those projects in 2012 was 962.000 USD; two thirds of the projects were sponsored by international organizations focused on scientific research and technology transfer.

US AMBASSADOR TO VIETNAM VISITS THAI NGUYEN UNIVERSITY

In the afternoon of January 31st, HE. Mr. David Shear, US Ambassador to Vietnam visited and talked with students of Thai Nguyen University. The US Ambassador David Shear was welcomed by Assoc. Prof. Dang Kim Vui - President of Thai Nguyen University (TNU), together with the the Board of Directors, and Representatives of the member-units of TNU.



H.E. Mr. David Shear and TNU leaders take a souvenir photo

On behalf of the Board of Directors, the President expressed his pleasure in welcoming H.E. Mr. David Shear, US Ambassador to Vietnam. Then, Dr. Dang Kim Vui introduced about TNU, as well as its strategies of development in the future time. He stated that international cooperation was a strategic step that the University was strongly investing. Up to that time, TNU had been cooperated with number of organizations and training institutions of the United States. At the time after, with the help of the Ambassador, TNU expects to receive much help and cooperation from the United States.

H.E. Mr. David Shear confirmed that education was the top priority for his personality as well as the relationship between Vietnam and the United States. He said that the main purpose of his visit was to evaluate and to have an overview about the results of what U.S. Embassy and TNU had done in the recent time. Also, he looked forward to hearing the opinions from TNU in order to have the most appropriate policies and measures to improve the educational cooperative relationship between the university and the Embassy.

H.E. Mr. David Shear emphasized that the United States was always willing to help and create special opportunities for the youth in Vietnam in general and at TNU in particular. U.S government always wanted to enhance the policies for supporting education in Vietnam. He judged that the cooperation between U.S. universities and Vietnamese universities was completely feasible, including TNU. He added that about 25 thousand Vietnamese students (in which many students of TNU) were studying in the United States. After their returning, they would significantly contribute to the development of Vietnam. At the meeting, the Representatives of the two sides also informed, exchanged specific issues related to the promotion of cooperation between TNU and the United States, in which the United States Embassy in Vietnam would be the prime bridge to develop this nice cooperation relationship.



The US Ambassador gives speech to TNU staff and students

As soon the meeting with the leaders of TNU ended, H.E Mr. David Shear had a talk with approximately 300 staff members, lecturers and students of the Faculty of Foreign Languages at Learning Resource Center - TNU. In addition, the U.S. Ambassador presented 03 students who achieved the top prizes in the English Eloquence Contest.

In the framework of his working visit at Thai Nguyen University, H.E Mr. David Shear also visited the Centre for Human Resource Development for Foreign Language Studies (CFORD) and the Vietnam - America Culture Corner at TNU.

TNU MEETS AMBASSADOR OF CAMBODIA TO VIETNAM

Assoc. Prof. Dr. Dang Kim Vui, TNU President, together with the representatives from the different departments and member-units of the University gave a warm welcome to His Excellency Hul Phany, Ambassador of Cambodia to Vietnam, and his party for a working visit to Thai Nguyen University on February 27, 2013.



Cambodian delegation has souvenir photo with representatives of TNU

A meeting was arranged for a discussion on the possibility of developing further the international collaboration on various academic programs, including faculty and students exchange program between Cambodia and Thai Nguyen University. One of the highlights of discussion was the proposal on some strategies that Thai Nguyen University could possibly extend to Cambodia concerning education and training, as well as in scientific research development. Both groups had meaningful exchanges of ideas and discussions of issues and concerns relative to the academic programs of Thai Nguyen University.

During the wrap-up session, H.E. Hul Phany extended his invitation to Assoc. Prof. Dr. Dang Kim Vui and the key officials of TNU for a visit to Cambodia to discuss lengthily the collaboration on academic programs. The TNU President gladly expressed his acceptance to the invitation of H.E. Hul Phany, hence, the two groups came up with an agreement for a visit of the key officials of Thai Nguyen University to Cambodia in early April 2013.

THE FOURTH ASEAN TRADITIONAL TEXTILE SYMPOSIUM

On March 15-16-17, 2013, the 4th ASEAN Traditional Textile Symposium and Exhibition took place at the Museum of Cultures of Vietnam Ethnic Groups which was attended by visitors from all walks of life. Thai Nguyen University is one of the co-organizers of the event.

The 4th ASEAN Traditional Textile Symposium was held in Thai Nguyen city with large scale of five main activities which include scientific conference; exhibition of textiles, embroidery, dyeing from tradition to contemporary periods; craft village cultures of Vietnam; Fashion Gala; textile products of ASEAN and other participating countries.



International participants of the academic symposium on ASEAN Traditional Textiles

The three-day symposium and workshop attracted the participation of thousands of visitors, nearly 400 artisans, designers, manufacturers of textiles, embroidery and dyeing from ASEAN and other neighboring countries. The participants from Thailand, Indonesia, Malaysia, Brunei, Philippines, Japan, among others brought to the Symposium multi-faceted activities, cultural highlights and passionately opinions and suggestions that help strengthen the textile and weaving industry.

The Symposium brought strength, solidarity and cooperation among nations, designers, artists, scientists and businesses. All connections would create the most favorable conditions to confirm the value of traditional and contemporary weaving, embroidery and dyeing of the participating countries.

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**Brief Introduction**

Thai Nguyen University of Education – Thai Nguyen University (TUE-TNU), formerly known as Vietbac University of Education, was founded on July 18, 1966. It is the second unit to establish in the Thai Nguyen University System.

At present, TUE has 398 lecturers, including 18 associate professors, 95 doctors, 226 masters.

In terms of training scale and majors, TUE offers 10 doctoral majors, 20 master majors and 26 bachelor majors. Every year, TUE trains about 22.000 undergraduate students and 1.000 postgraduate students.

TUE has enough modern facilities to meet the needs of training and high-qualified scientific research. Classrooms are equipped with projectors and free internet access.

Over the past 45 years of development, TUE has had great achievements in scientific research and technology transference to mountainous provinces. With these achievements, TUE has become the greatest center of education and educational research in the Northern mountainous area of Vietnam.

Mission

TUE is an educational center training teachers, educational managers at Bachelor, Master and Doctorate degrees; providing training and continuous development courses for teachers; doing research, transferring and applying technology in the areas of Education, Natural Sciences, Social Sciences and Humanities.

Vision

By 2020, TUE is supposed to be the key university of education in the northern mountainous areas of Vietnam, a prestigious center of training and scientific research, keeping pace with the major universities in the country, approaching firmly and integrating with other universities in the region and all over the world. The university will provide

learners with the best education and scientific research environment, which is highly professional and make sure that after graduation students have the capacity to compete and adapt to the developed education.

International Cooperation

TUE has cooperation in training and research with many universities all over the world such as Guangxi Pedagogic Institute (China), Ryukyu University (Japan), Troyes University of Technology and Savoir University (France), Hawaii University and English language Institute (USA), St. John's University (USA).

Cooperation orientations are exchanging lecturers and students in short or long-term programs; exchanging advanced curriculum; coordinating in training postgraduate students; cooperate in scientific research; organizing curriculum development workshops.

TRAINING PROGRAM INFORMATION

<i>Programs</i>	<i>Majors</i>
<i>Bachelor</i>	Mathematics, Mathematics – Informatics, Informatics, Mathematics – Physics, Physics, Physics – Chemistry, Physics – Industrial Technology, Chemistry, Biology, Biology – Agricultural Engineering, Biology – Chemistry, Biology – Geography, Philology, Literature – Geography, Literature – History, History, Geography, Psychology, Primary Education, English for Primary Education, Physical Education, Physical Education – Defense, Nursery Education, Political Education, Music, Fine Art.
<i>Master</i>	Theory and Methods of Teaching Mathematics, Theory and Methods of Teaching Biology, Theory and Methods of Teaching Physics, Theory and Methods of Teaching Literature, Theory and Methods of Teaching Geography, Genetics, Pedagogics, Mathematical Analysis, Algebra and Number Theory, Linguistics, Vietnamese Literature, Vietnamese History, Geography, Physical Geography, Analytical Chemistry, Organic Chemistry, Inorganic Chemistry, Experimental Biology, Ecology, Education Management.
<i>PhD</i>	Theory and Methods of Teaching Biology, Theory and Methods of Teaching Physics, Vietnamese Literature, Vietnamese History, Ecology, Genetics, Education Management, Mathematical Analysis, Theory and History of Education

THAI NGUYEN UNIVERSITY AS ONE OF FIVE REGIONAL FOREIGN LANGUAGE CENTERS IN VIETNAM

On 18/1, in Hanoi, the Ministry of Education and Training held a ceremony to launch the Regional Language Centers throughout Vietnam. International attendants of the launching included Representatives of Embassies of the UK, Australia, New Zealand, Canada, the United States and Ms. Meghann Curtis, Deputy Assistant Secretary (DAS) for Academic Programs. Vietnamese Attendants included Dr. Nguyen Vinh Hien, Deputy Minister of Education and Training, Representatives of the units of the Ministry, Representatives of 05 Regional Foreign Language Centers: Thai Nguyen University (TNU), Hue University, Da Nang University, Hanoi National University and Ho Chi Minh City's University of Pedagogy. TNU delegation was led by Assoc. Dr. Dang Kim Vui - President of TNU.



*Dr. Nguyen Vinh Hien, Deputy Minister of Education and Training assigned task for
the 05 Foreign Language Centers*

Currently, the Ministry of Education and Training is supplying guidance to the implementation of the National Foreign Language 2020 Projects. In order to realize and achieve the goals set by the Project, besides the direction of improving the quality of teaching in the entire system, the Ministry of Education and Training plans to build a number of capable and reputable educational establishments as the core in the implementation of the project tasks in different economic regions of the country, known as the "Foreign Language Centers".

Accordingly, the leaders of the Ministry of Education and Training, Departments and Institution under the Ministry of Education and Training and representative of a number of

universities in the country agreed and formally assigned "Regional Foreign Language Center" for 05 units including Thai Nguyen University, University of Languages and International Studies (Hanoi National University), University of Foreign Languages (Hue University), University of Foreign Languages (Da Nang University) and the Ho Chi Minh city University of Pedagogy to build their units into the Regional Foreign Language Centers.

The 5 Regional Foreign Language Centers would utilize their existing staff, organize and delegate specialized units to be responsible for coordinating activities related to the functions and missions of the Centers. These centers needed to have staff and faculty with superior language proficiency, scientific research, teaching method, technology applications and language testing. Each center would select one or more specialized field strengths.

Regional Language Centers have the following main tasks:

- Renovating content, methods and means of teaching and learning, building environment of using language at the Centers to ensure the standard of English proficiency for teachers and students, aiming for providing high-quality human resources for the education system;
- Organizing scientific research on program development, curriculum, teaching methods for catering foreign language training and retraining for teachers and students;
- Researching, training and retraining teachers in testing; participating organizing assessment of foreign language capacity for teachers and students in accordance with the framework of foreign language capacity of the Ministry of Education and Training;
- Strengthening the application of information technology and new teaching technology in teaching - learning and quality testing;
- Being the core of building a society of lifelong learning in the field of foreign languages in the local areas;
- Being a focal point to attract international resources for teaching and learning foreign languages in the region, fostering the scientific research capacity as a teacher development activity in the region;
- Sharing experiences, coordinating and linking with other Centers in the country on training, retraining and researching to form a network of Regional Foreign Language Centers of Vietnam

On behalf of the Ministry of Education and Training, Deputy Minister Nguyen Vinh Hien congratulated the units for their recent efforts to overcome the initial challenges, build team, develop technical facilities, and comprehensively reform the foreign language teaching and learning in the Centers. Their official recognition of being the Regional Foreign Language Centers play an important role in the implementation of the National Foreign Language 2020 of the Government. The Deputy Minister also expressed his hope and trust, he believed that the Regional Foreign Language Centers would complete their mission, meeting the belief of staff managers, teachers, pupils, students and parents across the country.

UPDATE NEWS ON IMPLEMENTATION OF NFL 2020 PROJECT IN TNU

Right from the beginning of 2013, TNU together with the National Foreign Language 2020 Project (NFL 2020 Project) has organized many significant activities for enhancing the English teaching and learning capacity in the region.

NFL 2020 Project is a national initiative of the Government to retrain more than 80,000 language teachers throughout Vietnam. In conjunction with the project, the government has the year 2020 as the one in which most Vietnamese students should be able to confidently use a foreign language; actively study and work in an integrated, multi-cultural and multi-lingual environment.



Assoc. Prof. Phan Van Que, Deputy Executive Manager of NFL 2020 Project while giving speech in the opening ceremony of the course

On March 15, 2013, TNU coordinated with Executive Committee of NFL 2020 Project organized test of English Proficiency for all 150 English lecturers of TNU. Those teachers are core elements in enhancing language capacity for more than 90 thousand learners in the university in particular and in the region in general.

Also, on March 30, TNU commenced a training courses for 210 teachers of elementary, secondary and upper secondary levels of Thai Nguyen Province.

Those above activities are among two of the leading events in the implementation of NFL 2020 Project in 2013 throughout the country, promising a year with fruitful results in the areas of foreign language teaching and learning.

NEW PROFESSORS AND ASSOCIATE PROFESSORS OF TNU

Thai Nguyen University is highly honored for the recognition of two (2) new Professors and two (2) Associate Professors.

During the Awarding Ceremony at the Temple of Literature, Hanoi on December 24, 2012, two (2) Professors and two (2) Associate Professors are faculty members from Thai Nguyen University. The TNU faculty-awardees were Prof. Dr. Chu Hoang Mau and Prof. Dr. Nguyen Thi Kim Lan who were awarded the academic rank of full-fledged Professorship, and Nguyen Viet Hung and Nguyen Vu Thanh Thanh who were awarded the title of Associate Professor.



Prof. Chu Hoang Mau honored to be awarded the title

Prof. Chu Hoang Mau is a specialist in the field of Biology, while Prof. Nguyen Thi Kim Lan is an expert in the field of veterinary science. Prof. Lan is the only female Professor among the nine (9) Professors of TNU. On the other hand, the two young Associate Professors: Nguyen Viet Hung is with specialization in Plant Science, and Nguyen Vu Thanh Thanh is with specialization in Biology.

In summary, TNU is grateful to have a total of nine (9) faculty members who were awarded the title of *Professor* and 102 faculty members with the title of *Associate Professor*.



DESERVING STUDENTS RECEIVE GIFTS DURING 2013 NEW YEAR

On the occasion of 2013 New Year, the TNU Youth and Student Association coordinated with the member-units of the university, and with the different companies in Thai Nguyen province such as Viet Nam Development and Investment Bank, Prudential Insurance Company, Hoang Binh Tan Cuong Corporations, Vua Tech Company in awarding Tet gifts for 100 disadvantaged students who gained high achievements which was held in the morning of January 1st. The total value of gifts distributed to the students was more than 50 million. Gifts were also given to “five (5) good students” with good performances and certificates of recognition were awarded to twenty-one (21) students during the Academic Year 2011-2012.

At the meeting, Mr. Ha Xuan Linh- Secretary of TNU Youth Union stated that, “Although the gifts for the under-privileged students are not expensive enough but these are very significant which will surely stimulate the physical and mental aptitude of students in gaining high academic achievements in particularly during difficult circumstance.” Actually, TNU Youth had developed and ratified set of criteria for “5 good students” and for “Friendly and Healthy Group”, this campaign has taken place successfully in all units of TNU. Furthermore, It serves as the striving movement for students.

On behalf of TNU leaders, Assoc. Prof Tran Viet Khanh appreciated the active coordination among TNU Youth, TNU Student Association, and different companies to organize the Ceremony. The Vice President affirmed that these gifts would to be an encouragement both physically and mentally for students in studying and practicing. Subsequently, the Vice President expressed gratitude to different companies and businesses who coordinated to a great extent with TNU on various activities in the past years.



*The leaders of TNU, Provincial Youth, TNU Youth, TNU Student Association
award gifts and certificates for 21 students*

WORKSHOP ON SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH AND TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER

Assoc. Prof. Dr. Dang Kim Vui – President of TNU welcomed the delegates from the Ministry of Science and Technology (MOST) headed by Assoc. Prof. Dr. Mai Ha – Chief of the Department of International Cooperation (DIC) during the Workshop on Scientific Research and Technology Transfer which was held in the morning of February 26th 2013 at the TNU Conference Hall.



Assoc. Prof. Dr. Dang Kim Vui – President of TNU gives a speech in the workshop

Based on official record, TNU develops 10 to 15 independent research topics at national level, 20 at ministry level, roughly 200 at university level, over 500 at college level, and more than 500 topics for students' researches, annually. Since 2006, TNU has launched its research programs according to issued protocol. At present, seven (7) research topics and research projects have been developed in partnership with China (2 projects), South Korea (01 project), Japan (03 projects), the US (01 project) and six bilateral research projects with Belgium, Germany, the US, and Luxembourg.

It is a fact that TNU's orientation for international cooperation in science and technology is one major policy which is clearly stated in the ***Mission Scheme of TNU's Party Executive Committee – term IV*** and ***Mission Scheme – 2011 – 2016*** : “to further boost international cooperation in science and technology, especially in key areas like agriculture, forestry, material technology, IT, bio-technology, environment and folk culture; and, to enhance teaching staff's competency and improve research infrastructure. A breakthrough is highly recommended for

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future developments, covering the period of five years (2011 – 2016) in the above-mentioned fields, in order to create an impetus for advancement. With the strong desire to augment the number of research topics as stated in the university's protocol, TNU is expected to actively seek and develop bilateral research with foreign research partners, giving emphasis on the development of significant, specialized, authentic, innovative, and local-typical topics."

At the workshop, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Mai Ha – Chief of DIC - MOST, and Mr. Bui Qui Long – Director of Center for Research and International Integration in Science and Technology- MOST, together with delegates from the MOST shared valuable experiences in searching, accessing and participating in research projects, protocol projects and bilateral-cooperative projects. During the open forum, the delegates from TNU's functional boards, member colleges and units raised direct questions to the ministry's delegates.



An illustration of scientific research in TNU

In a candid and mutual atmosphere, significant results were gained from the workshop. At the closing session, Assoc. Prof. Dang Kim Vui expressed his warmest appreciation for the consideration, encouragement, and support DIC – MOST. He also voiced out high hopes that TNU would receive continuous support from the Ministry for the advancement of scientific research and technology transfer among teachers and students in order to meet the country's demands for national development and international integration.

MOU SIGNING WITH DAEGU UNIVERSITY- SOUTH KOREA

On the morning of 10/1, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Dang Kim Vui, Party Secretary, President of Thai Nguyen University (TNU) and Mr. Hong Duckryul - President of Daegu University - South Korea signed a Memorandum of Understanding to cooperate in a period of 5 years in front of the witness of participants from the units.



Assoc. Prof. Dr. Dang Kim Vui and Mr. Hong Duckryul sign the MOU

According to the MOU, TNU and Daegu University would cooperate to develop training programs include certificate programs, exchange of faculty, students, research science, organization of scientific conferences and other collaborative training program. At the same time, the two units would coordinate on the construction of the Korean Language Center at Thai Nguyen University and organization of scientific conferences between the two parties.

At the present, there are about 30 students of the University of Daegu - South Korea studying short-term courses in the International School. In the future, the School will send students to study at Daegu University. In addition, the School also begins constructing a number of programs to closely cooperate on the basis of the Memorandum of Cooperation signed between TNU and Daegu University.

The two sides expected that after the signing of Memorandum of Understanding of Cooperation, Daegu University and member units of TNU would implement cooperation programs, exchange of faculty, students, scientific seminars as well as quickly promote the establishment of Korean language Center at TNU.

RENEWED MOU WITH SOUTHERN NAZARENE UNIVERSITY

The renewal of agreement was purposely for the furtherance of the shared educational goals of both SNU and TNU.

Dr. Loren P. Gresham, President of Southern Nazarene University (SNU), together with his delegation had a working visit in Thai Nguyen University (TNU) on the 7th of January. The SNU delegation was accorded cordial welcome by the TNU officials headed by Assoc. Prof. Dr. Tran Viet Khanh, Vice President of TNU.



Representatives of SNU and TNU sign the MOU

Based on the agreement, SNU and TNU will integrate academic programs with 1st two years of academic work at TNU and the remaining two years in SNU following the “2+2, or 3+1 or 3+1.5” study scheme for undergraduate programs. Moreover, it is agreed that SNU and TNU can integrate four years of undergraduate programs in TNU with one and half years of graduate curriculum in SNU following the 4+1.5 or 4+2 cooperative programs for the postgraduate degree in the fields of interest of students for undergraduate and graduate programs which shall include but not limited to Business Administration, Science Management, Nursing, and Education disciplines.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Launching of Regional Foreign Language Centers Jan 18

Meeting with US Ambassador Jan 31

Communist Party Anniversary Feb 3

Tet Holiday Feb 9-16

Meeting with Cambodian Ambassador Feb 27

International Women's Day March 8

4th ASEAN Traditional Textile Symposium March 15-17

National Youth's Union Day March 26

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