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# Thai Nguyen University Newsletter

## EDITORIAL

### TIME TO REFLECT...TIME TO GIVE BACK...

*"Every university anniversary seeks to celebrate the future while remembering the past..."*

The 20<sup>th</sup> Founding Celebration of Thai Nguyen University, a tradition that can tie everyone together as part of the academic community, was held last April 4, 2014 which marked another academic milestone in the annals of this regional university.

During the Anniversary Ceremony, the university ground was filled with distinguished guests from the different government and non-government offices from the northern mountainous regions of Vietnam and from foreign countries namely: the USA, Taiwan, Australia, the Philippines, South Korea, Brunei, China, Germany to mention a few. I, together with the university officials, faculty members and staff and students, graciously welcomed and gave a red carpet reception to our distinguished guests. The celebration were highlighted by the presentation of notable accomplishments of the university for the past years and the granting of Labor Medal of Honors marking prestige and honor for Thai Nguyen University's contributions towards the development of the country over the past few years. The medal that TNU received is an expression of hope that the academic community will be able to sustain and will take the example of President Ho Chi Minh in their daily academic work and life. This was followed by the conferment of honorary doctoral degree to foreign nationals who have contributed significantly to the academic growth and development of Thai Nguyen University.

Exhibition of products and merchandise from various TNU member units, public and private agencies and companies were showcased at the facade of the TNU Main Building. People from all walks of life from the city and nearby towns flocked to Thai Nguyen University to watch the exhibits.

Nonetheless, after this grand celebration, we will start a brand new chapter of TNU's challenges...a brand new time, for tomorrow is here and yesterday is over!

**Prof. Dang Kim Vui, Ph.D.**

**President**



## THAI NGUYEN UNIVERSITY CELEBRATED ITS 20 YEARS OF ESTABLISHMENT AND RECEIVED THE SECOND CLASS LABOR MEDAL

In the morning of April 4, 2014, Thai Nguyen University solemnly celebrated the Celebration of 20 years since the Government promulgated Decree of Thai Nguyen University's Establishment (04/4/1994 – 04/4/2014). The celebration was highlighted by the awarding of the Second Class Labor Medal which was presented by Mr. Nguyen Xuan Phuc, Politburo Commissioner, Deputy Prime Minister. The Commissioner gladly bestowed the honorable plaque of recognition for Thai Nguyen University.

Prof. Dr. Dang Kim Vui reported the 20 years Thai Nguyen University's achievements of construction and development. He showed the outstanding development of Thai Nguyen University on the following aspects: expansion of the organizational structure, personnel, training, scientific research and international cooperation.

So far, the organizational structure of the University was fundamentally shaped in a multidisciplinary and multi-level university model based on the research direction with 04 main blocks including advising, training, research, and for service and training – research support.



*Music performance of TNU lecturers and students to welcome the special ceremony*

In 1994, the enrollment of the University reached only to 2,245 students, however, until 2013 that number reached 20,032 people (increasing 8.92 times). In particular,





postgraduate enrollment reached 1,836 people. Training scale also increased continuously over the years. Until now, the University has a total population of 90,404 students, including Master and doctoral students, in which the scale of postgraduate training includes 4,014 enrollees.

In the past 20 years, the University has trained and provided the whole country with 109,500 officers with qualifications of college, university and postgraduate, including nearly 6,000 staffs with qualifications of master and doctoral degrees, hundreds of oncologist at level I and level II, resident doctors, thousands of staffs with intermediate level and professional workers; which has provided the locals, offices, enterprises with high-quality human resource and has played an important role in the socio-economic development of the region and the country.

A number of alumni of the University have made considerable progress and become the senior officials of the Party and State. According to statistics, of all the officers trained by TNU, 11 people have held high position as Commissioners of the Vietnamese Communist Party Central Executive Committee, 20 people have held position as Secretaries of the Provincial Party, Chairmen of Provincial Committee, Ministers, dozens of people have held positions as Deputy Minister, Vice Chairman of Province, hundreds of people has been chairman, Vice Chairmen of districts, many were Chairmen of the Board of Directors of corporations, companies and large enterprises, etc.

At the ceremony, Deputy Prime Minister Nguyen Xuan Phuc praised the excellent achievements of generations of Thai Nguyen University's teachers and students in the past 20 years. With the role of a large university in the education and training branch, Deputy Prime Minister Nguyen Xuan Phuc reminded Thai Nguyen University of its mission to continue promoting and striving to be one of the leading universities in implementing the policies of the Party and the State about the radical and comprehensive innovations at national education; and overcoming shortcomings and weaknesses of higher education education in general at present. It was necessary to carry out a number of important tasks such as continuing innovating management mechanism in order to create a suitable model, promoting creativity, initiative and ensuring the sustainability.

In addition, the Deputy Prime Minister also emphasized: "Associated with education innovation policy, Thai Nguyen University should develop strategies, medium and long term plans to develop both scale and quality and to become an exemplary university that accesses quickly and efficiently with regional and international advanced training methods and programs. Thai Nguyen University should also continue to expand cooperation, strengthen joint training, scientific research with practical production, life to serve the needs of society and become an important motivation in promoting socio-economic development of the region and the nation".

## 02 INTELLECTUALS OF THAI NGUYEN UNIVERSITY WERE HONORED TO BE REPRESENTATIVE INTELLECTUALS OF VIETNAM

On April 4, 2014, the Vietnam Association of Young Scientists & Engineers (VAYSE) held an incense offering ceremony to report to the Hung Kings and award the Gold Prize for Vietnamese typical intellectuals on the socio-economic front in 2013.

A total of 221 honored intellectuals at the ceremony were the national representative intellectuals who had achieved outstanding achievements in the movements of labor emulation, production, application of research results and advances in science - technology of all socio-economic fields.

The programs of voting Vietnamese representative intellectuals on the socio-economic front in 2013 attracted nearly 500 nomination profiles of notables and intellectuals throughout the country. After 04 months of deployment, the organizing committee selected 221 most excellent candidates to honor and award the Gold Prize in that occasion.



*221 intellectuals report to the Hung Kings at Hung Temple Historical Site*

It is a great honor for Thai Nguyen University to have 02 intellectuals honored in that phase, namely Prof. Dang Kim Vui, President of Thai Nguyen University and Assoc. Prof. Tran Chi Thien, Rector of TNU College of Economics and Business Administration.

## INAUGURATION OF TRADITIONAL ROOM OF THAI NGUYEN UNIVERSITY

On the occasion of TNU 20<sup>th</sup> birthday, on 02/4, at the Learning Resource Center, with the witness of representative leaders of functional departments, Prof. Dang Kim Vui - President of Thai Nguyen University (TNU) and Assoc. Prof. Nguyen Duy Hoan - Director of Learning Resource Center inaugurated the Traditional Room of TNU.



The Traditional Room was located at the 1st floor of the Learning Resource Center and was built on an area of 150.3 m<sup>2</sup>. The Traditional Room is divided into 5 zones, including:

- Zone A1: The development history of the university through the information, the development milestone, and the University's images over time, the image of President Generations, important decisions marked the advent of TNU and its member units.

- Zone A2: The attention of the State leaders; noble prizes and organizational chart of TNU at present.

- Zone A3: University logo, Vietnamese and English name of TNU, missions, visions, and logos of some TNU members.

- Zone A4: Main activities fields of University such as training, scientific research, international cooperation and technology transfer. On each of these areas are artifacts displayed such as curriculum, research project, etc.

- Zone A5: Including two contents, namely (1) Member units of the University and (2) Photos of past, current and map of future infrastructure of TNU.



### *High-rank delegation visits the Room*

The Traditional Room was built within 04 months from December, 2013 to March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2014. Speaking at the ceremony, Prof. Dr. Dang Kim Vui stated that: "The Traditional Room of TNU is a place to recreate the process of construction and development of the university, to store the achievements, artifacts and awards marking the achievement of the University through periods to promote the introduction of image of TNU with domestic and foreign partners, simultaneously, to contribute to educate the tradition of diligence and creativity in learning, teaching and science researching of generations of staffs, lecturers and students of the university".



## DOCTOR HONORIS CAUSA CONFERMENT FOR DISTINGUISHED VISITING PROFESSORS OF TNU

Thai Nguyen University (TNU) has conferred the doctor honoris causa upon 04 foreign visiting professors in recognition of their significant contributions to the university on the occasion of the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Thai Nguyen University. They are Prof. Christopher A. Reichl from University of Hawaii at Hilo (the US), Assoc. Prof. Olivia P. Magpily from Laguna Polytechnic University (the Phillippines), Prof. Yuan-Kuang Guu from National Pingtung University of Science and Technology (Taiwan), and Dr. Alexander Coward from University of California at Davis (the US).



*Prof. Vui, TNU President conferred the degree to 02 visiting professors on April 4, 2014*

In the recent years, TNU has strengthened international cooperation in education and training, for contributing to build up high quality staff serving for international integration and socio-economic development. In that progress, the distinguished visiting professors have helped TNU to promote the bilateral cooperation between Thai Nguyen University and universities and institutions throughout the world. Some of their remarkable contributions include consultancy to international cooperation of the university, bridges to the university's international network, development of joint-training programs, English language training for teaching staff, and development of training curricula.

The two first honoris degree were conferred to Assoc. Prof. Olivia Magpily and Prof. Yuan Kuang Guu on the 20<sup>th</sup> birthday of TNU – April 4, 2014. The next two were presented respectively to Prof. Christopher Reichl on May 27 and Dr. Alexander Cowards on June 5, 2014.

The honoris causa were worthy tribute for the dedication and outstanding contribution of the professors, and a vivid expression of TNU's appreciation and acknowledgement to the foreign expert's valuable assistance to various academic programs of the university.

## MASTER DEGREE CONFERMENT TO 293 STUDENTS

On 15/6, TNU College of Agriculture and Forestry (TNU-CAF) held a Master Degree Conferment Ceremony of Course 19 (2011-2013 school-year) for 293 degree's recipients.

293 new Masters included 21 Masters of Animal Husbandry, 71 Masters of crop Science, 37 Masters of Environmental Science, 55 Masters of Forestry, 16 Masters of Rural Development, 80 Masters of Land Management and 13 Masters of Veterinary Medicine. In the ceremony, the university also commended 29 masters for having outstanding academic achievements.

Dr. Tran Van Dien – Rector of TNU-CAF sent best wishes to the new masters. The Rector emphasized that in order to continue being successful, each new master should continue taking constant efforts to try and more in work and life. Hopefully, the knowledge and skills acquired from the master's program of agricultural science would be important asset to help them develop their career and contribute to the society. The TNU-CAF would always ready to accompany and support the new masters in higher education.



*TNU-CAF leader confers degrees to the new masters*

Representative of the new master thanked teachers of TNU-CAF for the invaluable knowledge and life lessons that teachers had shared throughout the course.

The Master Degree Conferment Ceremony of Course 19 (academic year 2011-2013) left an unforgettable mark for each new master when the hall was filled with beautiful flowers of their families and friends.

### SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH AT TNU IN THE LAST 20 YEARS

Since its establishment, TNU has implemented 13,739 subjects and scientific projects at all levels, including 09 State level research projects, 8 Protocol research projects, 26 basic research projects, 1,450 Ministry-level subjects and scientific projects, 12,246 scientific projects at grassroots and student level, 5,009 scientific articles were published at domestic and international journals, science-technology books, including 733 international scientific journals. The university implemented more than 100 programs and collaborative scientific research and technology transfer projects with 13/16 provinces of the Northern mountainous region and 17 enterprises with total expenditure of more than 1,500 billion VND.



*TNU signs MOUs with partners in science and technology research and application*

The scientific themes, technology transfer programs, production models were applied effectively in production and life, actively served the socio-economic development of the localities, contributed to poverty reduction and effectively served educational tasks, such as: model of sustainable cultivation on sloping land (SALT) which was deployed on thousands of hectares in Cao Bang, Bac Kan, Thai Nguyen, Tuyen Quang, Yen Bai provinces; model of replacing poppy plant by medicinal plants for helping removing farming habits of ethnic minorities and develop socio-economic situation, poverty reduction at highland districts of Ha Giang, Cao Bang, Son La, Lao Cai



provinces, etc.; “System of improving rice cultivation”(SRI) model applied on 400,000 hectares of rice in 08 provinces of the Northern midland and mountainous region with the participation of over 1 million farmers and was awarded “Golden Rice” award by the State; transfer of iron smelting line by arc furnace (without using coke) for Thai Nguyen Iron and Steel Joint Stock Corporation; System regulator speed for rewind machine at Bai Bang paper mill; System of automatic mine selection for Khanh Hoa coal mine (directly under Vietnam National Coal – Mineral Industries Holding Corporation); Manufacturing and supplying equipment of the tablet pressing for pharmaceutical companies Central 1, Central 2, Central 3 and many pharmaceutical companies all over Vietnam; Research on manufacturing flat knife for serving paper industry and wooden processing of wood enterprises at Phu Tho, Hai Duong, Hoa Binh, Nghe An, Quang Ninh, Hai Phong and Ha Noi from 1997 to now; system of Electrostatic precipitator system for cement and metallurgy plant, portal on scientific and technological information for Thai Nguyen and Bac Giang province, program of reproductive health care for women of ethnic minorities in the Northern mountainous area.



*Some scientific and technological activities at Thai Nguyen University*

Over 20 years, scientific and technological activities of Thai Nguyen University have achieved considerable progress, contributing to improve quality of staff training, promote economy, education, culture and social development in the region and the whole country. Many groups and individuals have been conferred awards on science and technology. Typically, 01 female lecturer of Thai Nguyen University received Kovalevskaia award (2012). Annually, 20-30 subjects were awarded “Young Scientific talent of Vietnam”. Additionally, Thai Nguyen University has been awarded 3 times by the Ministry of Education and Training for the achievements in scientific and technological activities.

## THE 7<sup>th</sup> NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON FUNDAMENTAL AND APPLIED IT RESEARCH

On June 19, 2014, the TNU College of Information and Communication Technology (TNU-CICT) in collaboration with the Vietnam Academy of Science and technology of Vietnam, the Vietnam Union of Science and Technology, other universities and research institution organized the 7<sup>th</sup> National Conference on "Fundamental and Applied Information Technology Research" - FAIR 2014.



*Panorama of the conference*

The conference had received more than 230 scientific reports, then 170 of them were chosen to present at the conference. This was the conference with the most quantity of reports. Those reports had updated and topical feature of basic research; creativity and urgency of applied research, such as device to measure power consumption using wireless sensor technology; Measures to protect information security for internal networks of internet-connected government agencies and businesses based on virtualization technology; Hedge Algebras Approach with intelligent decision support for disaster rescue, etc.



*Report at a sub-committee*

In plenary session of the conference, Assoc. Prof. Pham Viet Binh, Rector of CICT confirmed that since the college considered information technology as infrastructure of all socio-economic fields, it developed its training and scientific research towards Information Technology (IT) for specific purposes, in order to apply IT to meet the society's demand.

The conference was conducted in 2 days with 06 subcommittees, and become an important scientific activity contributed to boost basic research, applied research on Information Technology in Vietnam. This was a great opportunity for the staff, faculty, PhD students, and students of the TNU College of Information and Communication Technology to learn and exchange experience with scientists and colleagues in the country.

At the end of the meeting, the Challenge Banner of the FAIR conference was passed over the Institute of Information Technology - Hanoi National University to host the 8th FAIR conference in 2015.

### COURSE ON PROJECT MANAGEMENT IN HIGHER EDUCATION

From May 07-09, 2014, the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) in Hanoi and the Learning Resource Center – TNU organized Phase II of the course on Project Management in higher education with the theme *Human Resource and Higher Education Quality Management*.



The first phase focused on project management's knowledge and skills with specific principles and managing procedures. Based on knowledge and skills learned in the first phase, the participants were required to build or adjust a project of their own workplace with distance guidance of experts.

In the second phase, the participants presented their project in the class and received direct comment and consultancy. In addition, skills of human resource and higher education quality management were introduced to them. Those two skills were essential for educational manager in the competitive settings between universities in and out of the country.

The certificate of participation was only issued for those who fully attended and had project presented in the course.

### SEMINAR ON GREEN ECONOMY FOR SUSTAINABLE POVERTY REDUCTION

On April 22, 2014, at TNU-CAF, Thai Nguyen University and University of Hamburg (UH) – Germany conducted seminar on “Green Economy for Sustainable Poverty Reduction for the Northern mountainous areas”.



*Prof. Kohl presents report at the seminar*

Speaking at the seminar, Assoc. Prof. Dang Van Minh stated that in order to “green-ize” the economy, Vietnam needed to develop science and technology in recycle energy, efficient production, reduction of greenhouse gas emission, recovery of the natural ecosystem, and renovation of land use planning.

Prof. Michael Koehl from UH shared that in Germany, green economy helped raising life standard, stabilize social justice, decrease environmental risks and ecosystem deficiency.

At the seminar, lecturers and students of TNU-CAF had chance to listen to useful report and discussed about hot issues related to green economy and sustainable poverty reduction in the Northern Midland and Mountainous Region.



### INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON “SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT AND ETHNIC MINORITY POVERTY REDUCTION”

On June 11-13, Thai Nguyen University in partnership with the World Bank successfully organized the international conference on “Sustainable Development and Ethnic Minority Poverty Reduction” at Learning Resource Center - Thai Nguyen University, Vietnam.

The purpose of the conference was to bring together representatives from government, academia, civil society, and the development partners to reflect on and discuss issues on sustainable development and ethnic minority poverty reduction in the mountainous regions, focusing on both the Vietnamese experience and international experience in promoting rural development among remote and dispersed rural mountainous communities.

The first day of the conference was scheduled for a site visit of poverty reduction models at La Hien Commune, Vo Nhai district. In the afternoon of the same day, the participants visited Tan Cuong Green Tea Village, Tan Cuong District.

On the second day, the conference proper was held and commenced with the welcome speeches of Victoria Kwakwa - World Bank Country Director, Mr. Son Phuoc Hoan - Vice Chairman of Committee for Ethnic Minority Affairs (CEMA), Mr. Dang Viet Thuan - Vice Chairman of Thai Nguyen Provincial People’s Committee, and Assoc. Prof. Dang Van Minh - TNU Vice President that extremely inspired and motivated the participants.



*The conference’s plenary session*

During the conference, the plenary discussants focused their speeches on development policies, review and guiding principle in poverty reduction for minorities in the coming years, livelihood development for poverty reduction and made it clear that the business of sustainable development is one we must do and do well for the advantage of the ethnic minorities and our future generations who are disproportionately affected by poverty. Mr. Ngo Truong Thi, Director General of National Office for Poverty Reduction, MOLISA presented a “Review of Poverty

Reduction for Ethnic Minorities and Policies in Poverty Reduction for Ethnic Minorities in the Coming Years”, followed by the presentation of Mr. Vo Van Bay, Director of Program 135 of the Committee for Ethnic Minorities Affairs (CEMA) on “Policies for Ethnic Minorities in Poverty Reduction and Socio-Economic Development in Mountainous Regions: Achievements of 2005-2013 Period and Vision to 2020”.

After the tea break, the paper on “Project Planning and Institutionalization of Economic Development Policies” of the Ministry of Planning and Investment (MPI) was presented by Mr. Tran Ngoc Hung, Acting Director of MPI –Department of Local and Territorial Economy, followed by the paper presentation of the Ministry of Agriculture Research and Development (MARD) on the topic “Livelihood Development for Poverty Reduction for Ethnic Minorities in Mountainous Areas”. Aside from these plenary paper presentations which were delivered during the second and third days, there were eight (8) more interesting topics imparted by PRPP/MOLISA, BARD from Bangladesh, Global Heritage Fund in Peru, Manipur Central University-India, the World Bank, CARITAS, and CARE International in Vietnam on the following topics, respectively: “Donor Perspective on Poverty Reduction for Ethnic Minorities”, “Conservation Strategies and Approaches for Sustainable Development and Poverty Alleviation in the Mountainous Areas of Nepal”, “Poverty alleviation and Rural Development Policies for Highlanders in the Central Andean Region of South America”, Ethnic Minorities in Vietnam and North East India”, “Building on Solid Foundations: Development Project for Indigenous and Afro-Ecuadorian Peoples”, “Critical Issues in Achieving Sustainable Development of Ethnic Minorities in Vietnam”, and “Gender-based Violence: Issue on Sustainable Development and Ethnic Minority Poverty Reduction”.

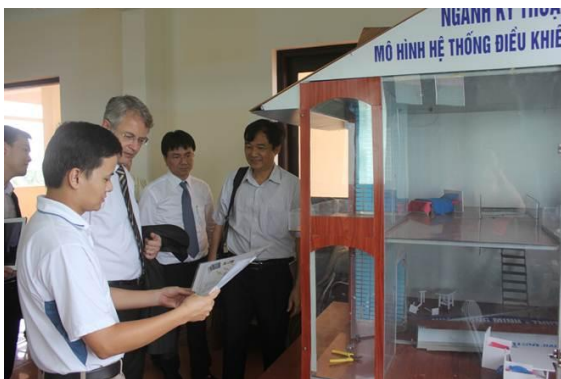
The plenary discussions were complemented by the remarkable views of the parallel discussants, and worthy ideas of the poster presenters from the northern, central and southern Vietnam and from more than 15 countries and international organizations. The parallel discussants have addressed a range of sustainable development and ethnic minority poverty reduction issues and challenges, focused on the impact of market linkages, natural resource management, climate change, health and education, cultural diversity, and poverty analysis and evaluation. Accordingly, the conference was structured in such a way as to come up with strong development of policy and project level recommendations.

At the closing ceremony, Ms. Jennifer Sara, Sector Manager of the Sustainable Development Department - the World Bank in Vietnam, expressed her deepest appreciation to the conference organizers headed by Thai Nguyen University and the World Bank for a very successful completion of the conference. Likewise, she thanked all paper presenters for sharing their thinking and views that led to the winning realization of the conference.

### AMBASSADOR OF FINLAND WORKS WITH TNU COLLEGE OF TECHNOLOGY

In the morning of July 01, 2014, TNU College of Technology was honoured to welcome His Excellency Kimmo Lahdevirta, Ambassador of Finland in Vietnam and Representatives of IIG Joint Stock Company.

At the meeting, Assoc. Prof. Phan Quang The presented about the tradition and educational model of TNU - CT. The Ambassador also introduced about the advanced higher education in Finland. He said that all lecturers must have Master's degree and were trained in the advanced education. That system was set up based on the sense of responsibility, all lecturers were allowed to decide their teaching, especially, almost foreign students did not need to pay studying fee, for the Finnish Government funded 100% of the school fee.



*The Ambassador visits TNU-CT Lab*

Through the visit and work, the Ambassador hoped that students from the TNU-CT had access to visit, study and conduct scientific research in Finland, since most of programs were in English.

### THAI NGUYEN UNIVERSITY WELCOMES DAAD DELEGATION

On April 15, 2014, delegation of the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) in Hanoi led by its Director, Dr. Anke Stahl had a visit to Thai Nguyen University. The delegation were warmly welcomed by Assoc. Prof. Dang Van Minh, Vice President of Thai Nguyen University (TNU).



*The delegation takes photo with  
TNU leaders and students*

At the meeting, the two sides discussed about possible cooperation in the later time. Addition to the current implementing activities, the two sides agreed to have lectureship agreement, by sending German professors to TNU for teaching and researching. Also, a DAAD corner was supposed to be set up within TNU campus to bring Germany and German education closer to students and lecturers of the university.

Also at the visit, the delegation organize seminar for introducing DAAD scholarship to TNU lecturers and students.





### DIARY OF MY FIRST YEAR IN UNIVERSITY

*(Sharing of Student Le Trung Kien, Law Course 11, TNU College of Sciences)*

If the pupil time in high school passed in dreamy mind of adolescence, then may be, the student time is time when we perceive the most of our adult life. Time flies so fast, I still remember the feeling of getting college's matriculation certificate on hand, when happiness mixed with sadness. Happy, because I had passed an entrance exam, I had chance to continue going to school. However, my dream to become a military officer would not turn to reality. My first year at TNU College of Sciences passed in the blink of an eye. That was a year of experience and much emotion.

I went to "Law" major in a very random way without predetermination. I passed the exam, but I always thought that I just stayed there for a while, I would try once again to fulfill my dream to become a military officers. Suprisingly, my mind gradually changed when I was exposed to the new learning environment. I was fascinated by specialized subjects, appealing and witty lectures on *"the big issues of our time, scientific leadership and management"* of Mr. Duong; lectures of Ms. Trang and Ms. Huong in *Comparative Law* subject. Besides, I found myself to be in harmony with passions, for attention, listening, encouragement and help of the teachers; particularly enthusiastic and active young teachers as Ms. Phuong and Ms. Hang.

I knew that in the world, many famous persons had worked in law branch as President Abraham Lincoln, Preident Obama in the U.S.; or President of the World Bank as Mr. Robert Zuellick. I began to wonder why people in Law branch could do much profession and held many positions like that. I started learning about Law and reading more books on Law. Since then, I had desire to become a lawyer to defend my client. Law was interesting, fascinating, it fostered passion in me. With the attention of the college board and teachers, we had chance to experience and participate in practical and useful activities. How can I forget the field trip at Military Court Region I in early March, a workshop on amending and supplementing of the 1999 Criminal Code; a conference on experience exchange of People's Council operation in 14 Northern midland and moutainous provinces, or even cultural performances, etc. All of those still remains in memories of each student.

On the first days of this June, Law students in my college eager to welcome the advent of the "Future Jurist Club". This is useful playground to help students promote their activeness and innovation, and to link law to the social life. Monthly thematic workshops in the form of a small scientific conference are places for members to exchange and debate academic issues, practice critical



thinking, teamwork skill – those are valuable and necessary experience for our future work. Those notable programs can be listed are "Trial court", "Receiving complaints and accusations of citizens", "Negotiation and contract signing skills", "Resolving commercial disputes".



### *Some of my class' practical activities*

Participation in extracurricular activities and contact with many people in different places have enriched my experience in life and learning. After the college entrance exam, the TNU College of Sciences will welcome new students enrolled in Course 12. Thinking back a year ago, I was inexperienced and even did not clearly shaped where I would learn, but now, when I am writing these words, I find myself much more matured. I hope that those following sharing may help freshmen in studying and life.

In order to achieve success in new learning environment, students should equip themselves with some basic skills as following: Firstly, confidence is a master factor to evaluate whether you are enthusiastic or not. Secondly, if you want to succeed at work or in any other fields, you need to believe in yourself and trust your colleagues. With belief, hard work will be completed with ease. Thirdly, it is ability to listen and grasp psychology, this means when you work in team environment, you should listen to suggestions of group members, both praise and criticism to reconsider, and to be able to draw experience. You also need to have your own opinion and defend it until you are convinced by the better opinion. Capturing others' psychology is extremely critical whether you are a leader or staff, for it will make your job easier. The fourth thing is creativity, it creates your personality. When you do groupwork, when the ideas are duplicated, or when members are insufficient of ideas, your creativity is needed to prove yourself as a highly capable person.

On these days, the national thunderstorms are from the sea, so Law students in particular and students in TNU must be reassured, because the country is calling our names. Let's try together to strive for high academic results as well as in mass movements to posit yourself, promote and bring image of our law branch to everyone. Let's proud that we are the first generation of Law branch – TNU College of Sciences.

### **SUPPORTING ON-DUTY SOLDIERS IN PARACEL AND SPRATLY ISLANDS**

On the evening of 19 June, Youth union of TNU College of Education organized art performance with the theme "Towards homeland islands". The purpose was to contribute voices, actions of officers, lecturers and students in Thai Nguyen with Vietnamese People to protest China's illegal action of setting oil rig into Vietnamese waters.



With the participation of nearly 50 lecturers and students, the performance gave viewers a unique art program with elaborate arrangement.

Especially, the majority of lecturers and students have signed up on Vietnam schema and donated the soldier being on duty in Paracel and Spratly islands, with total cash of over 130 million VND.

### **CAREER FAIR FOR TNU - CAF STUDENTS IN 2014**

With the desire to create career opportunities for students after graduation and sustainable relationships between university and business in enhancing the quality of training and meeting the requirements of society, on 04 June, TNU College of Agriculture and

Forestry (TNU-CAF) organized a 2014 career fair for students.

This was an opportunity for graduated students to find compatible jobs with their capacity and strength. The fair was also an important link between educational institution and agency using human resources, and between students and employers.



*Employers interview TNU-CAF students*

Before the fair started, the university had organized a number of soft skills training courses for students such as CV writing skills, interview skills, presentation skills, etc. to help students become self-confidence, make a good impression with employers, as long as increase recruitment opportunities and enhance approach capability to the labor market and employers.

The fair ended with 458 students interviewed directly from the employers. Those students would be employed in the enterprises after their graduation. It was believed that through the fair, the recruited students would maximize their professional abilities to serve sustainable development of their businesses. That was the assertion of reputation and quality of TNU-CAF, an institution with the State's Hero Labor.



### OPENING CEREMONY OF NGUYEN VINH QUANG BOOKCASE

Joining the atmosphere of 124<sup>th</sup> birthday of President Ho Chi Minh and echo of the Vietnamese Book Day, on May 19, 2014, Division of English Language – TNU School of Foreign Languages held an opening ceremony of Nguyen Vinh Quang bookcase.

On behalf of the entire faculties in the Division of English language, MA. Nguyen Thi Minh Loan (Division Head) sincerely thanked the guests, emphasized significance and practical role of the bookcase, and shared the process of establishing the bookcase. The bookcase was named after Teacher Nguyen Vinh Quang - Former Dean of TNU School of Foreign Languages. Through the bookcase, the Division desired to express their tribute to Teacher Quang and commitment to build a comprehensive bookcase both in quality and quantity. MA. Loan, said: "Currently, our bookcase is extremely modest when compared to the other college's library. However, it contains the meaning of teacher-student bond and our dreams of building a learning resource centre of the Division of English in the future - a centre contains many precious books with full facilities and regular events related to reading activities, development of love for books and reading culture in teaching staff and students, such as reading festival, books fair, competition on book review, etc. Our bookcase will not just be bookstore, but will literally be a "living" bookcase".



*The foreign and Vietnamese lecturers present books for the bookcase*

In the ceremony, many lecturers, students and alumni presented to the bookcase valuable books towards the teaching, studying activities, life skills and scholarship information.

The ceremony was more impressive and meaningful with a contest on knowledge of famous saying about books and reading culture. The three teams completed their parts with knowledgeable and persuasive eloquences.

## RECTOR OF TNU COLLEGE OF MEDICINE AND PHARMACY APPOINTMENT AND RECTOR OF TNU COLLEGE OF SCIENCES REAPPOINTMENT

On May 14<sup>th</sup>, Prof. Dr Dang Kim Vui - Party Secretary, President of Thai Nguyen University awarded 02 Decisions of appointing the Rector of TNU College of Medicine and Pharmacy and reappointing the Rector of TNU College of Science for the term 2014-2019. Assoc. Prof. Pham Manh Hung - Commissioner of the Party Commission, Deputy Minister of Education and Training attended and congratulated.

According to Decision No. 548/QĐ-DHTN, dated on 05/5/2014, President of Thai Nguyen University appointed Assoc. Prof. Nguyen Van Son, Vice Rector to be Rector of TNU College of Medicine and Pharmacy in the term 2014-2019.



*Prof. Vui confers the Decision and congratulates Assoc. Prof. Son*

At Decision No. 549/QĐ-DHTN, dated on 05/5/2014, President of Thai Nguyen University reappointed Assoc. Dr. Nong Quoc Chinh to continue holding his role of being the Rector of College of Science in the term 2014-2019.

Assoc. Prof. Nguyen Van Son and Assoc. Prof. Nong Quoc Chinh were the 02 first Rectors of a higher education institution under Regional University that were appointed by President of the Regional University. This was a new and unprecedented event in the appointment of the head of a training unit, which was complied with the latest Law on Higher Education.





PHOTOS OF THAI NGUYEN UNIVERSITY'S 20<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY



Mr. Nguyen Xuan Phuc, Deputy Prime Minister plants tree at TNU



Art performance to welcome the anniversary



The anniversary is an opportunity for TNU alumni to meet up



The Scientific and Technological Fair at TNU



TNU "Birthday cake"



A special product of TNU students to congratulate the anniversary





<b>TNU 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Establishment</b>	April 4
<b>Reunification Day</b>	April 30
<b>Labour Day</b>	May 1
<b>International Children Day</b>	June 1

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