NEWSLETTER

NHA TRANG UNIVERSITY

THE THIRD QUARTER 2024

"INNOVATION, QUALITY IMPROVEMENT, SOLIDARITY AND DISCIPLINE" (*)

(*): *Vietnamese education's theme for the 2024-2025 academic year*

MISSION

To carry out research, to train highly qualified manpower, and to transfer knowledge in multiple disciplines, focusing on promoting strengths in marine and fisheries science and technology

VISION

To become a high-ranked university in Vietnam and one of the leading universities in Asia in some disciplines in marine and fisheries science and technology by 2045

CORE VALUES

Pioneering - Unity - Integration - Dynamism - Responsibility

EDUCATIONAL PHILOSOPHY

To develop professionalism, creativity and sense of responsibility in an integrated education environment linked to professional practice and the community

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NHA TRANG UNIVERSITY
"Yearn to Reach the Seas"

In celebration of 65 years of establishment and development, NTU organized a series of diverse activities, attracting the participation of faculty members, students, former staff, and alumni. Together, they commemorated this significant milestone, with the highlight being the seminar titled *"65 Years of NTU: Yearn to Reach the Seas."*

NTU evolved from the Fisheries Department of the Academy of Agriculture and Forestry, starting with just 151 students in its first cohort. Today, it has become a multi-disciplinary educational institution serving the socio-economic development of the South Central Coast, Central Highlands, and the entire country. During the seminar, the university's leadership shared the development strategies and directions for the institution up to 2030, with a vision toward 2045. They also listened to feedback, contributions, and discussions from participants to gain a comprehensive and multidimensional perspective, striving to lead the university towards sustainable growth and realizing its vision of becoming a reputable university in the region, particularly in the fields of marine science and fisheries technology.

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IMPLEMENT KEY TASKS OF THE NEW ACADEMIC YEAR 2024-2025

Entering a new challenging academic year, NTU has set forth eight key tasks in the effort to realize its goals according to the University's development roadmap to 2030, with a vision to 2045.

The eight main goals revolve around activities such as completing preparations to transform into a financially autonomous institution - Group 2; ameliorating the University's development strategy; improving the capacity of the lecturers; proposing the admission method to suit the new general education program; conducting the quality accreditation for undergraduate programs and planning for international accreditation; implementing cooperative activities with strategic partners; and enhancing digital transformation combined with investing in facilities renovation. Each activity is quantified by corresponding output indicators. *Click to see the details.*

NEARLY 400 MILLION VND DONATED TO SUPPORT PEOPLE AFFECTED BY STORM NO. 3

Demonstrating the spirit of "mutual support" and "the leaves protect tattered ones," NTU organized a donation campaign to support the people in northern provinces impacted by Storm No. 3. The campaign saw the participation of nearly 800 staff members and employees from the university. Through various forms of contribution, a total of 383 million VND was raised. The entire amount will be transferred through the Vietnam Education Union to the areas heavily affected by the storm, helping the people in the North overcome difficulties and quickly stabilize their lives.

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REALIZE STRATEGIC COOPERATION WITH NATIONAL TAIWAN OCEAN UNIVERSITY (NTOU)

This quarter, a delegation from NTOU visited to strengthen collaborative activities aimed at implementing the strategic cooperation agreement signed between the two institutions in March 2023.

In this academic year, both parties will jointly organize various collaborative activities, including co-hosting an international seminar on marine science and technology, conducting academic exchanges, and developing e-lectures. These initiatives are geared toward establishing an international joint training program. Additionally, both universities will work together on joint research projects, particularly in their areas of expertise marine science and fisheries technology. They will also engage in long-term staff training and short-term student exchanges. These initial activities lay the foundation for a long-term and strategic partnership between NTU and NTOU.

RECEIVING TWO INTERNATIONAL VOLUNTEERS TO TEACH AT THE UNIVERSITY

In August and September 2024, NTU welcomed two international volunteers who will be teaching at the university for a 10-month period. Specifically, Ms. Park Dae Ny, a Korean volunteer from KOICA's office in Vietnam, will be teaching Korean, and Mr. Anhthi Nguyen Phan, an American volunteer, will serve as an English teaching assistant through the Fulbright Vietnam Program.

Each year, NTU hosts foreign teachers from volunteer programs to enhance international exchange, improve students' foreign language skills, and strengthen the language teaching capacity of its faculty through learning and interaction with native speakers.

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, AND INNOVATION FOR SUSTAINABLE WELL-BEING (STISWB 2024) AND PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT SIGNING WITH RAJAMANGALA UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY

The conference was held at NTU from July 15-17, 2024, attracting nearly 200 experts and researchers from Thailand and other regional countries.

The presentations focused on a variety of fields such as materials science, electronic engineering, software technology, agriculture, energy and environment, health sciences, and more. The conference provided a platform for researchers to share the latest findings, foster research collaboration, and promote the application of science and technology in practice, contributing to sustainable development. Furthermore, the event strengthened cooperation between universities in Thailand and Vietnam in the fields of science, technology, and innovation.

On this occasion, NTU signed a cooperation agreement with Rajamangala University of Technology, Thailand, further expanding opportunities for deep collaboration with this promising nation in the Southeast Asian region.

FIRST INTERNATIONAL SUMMER CAMP ON SEAS AND OCEANS – ISOC 2024 AT NTU

The inaugural International Summer Camp on Seas and Oceans – ISOC 2024, organized by NTU, took place from July 22-27, 2024. The event attracted the participation of students and faculty from Adamas University (India), along with interns from China and Thailand.

The program was designed to promote academic exchange, particularly in the fields of fisheries science and marine economics, while also fostering cultural exchange and showcasing the beauty of Vietnam and its people. With a variety of engaging activities, combining theoretical research with field trips and explorations of nature and culture, the camp left a lasting impression on international participants. This event further promotes international cooperation and exchange between the university and its future partners.

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ACTIVITIES OF INTERNATIONAL PROJECTS AT THE UNIVERSITY

ECOViP Project: In July 2024, students and lecturers from NTU participated in the ECOViP Summer Camp in Batangas, Philippines, alongside teams from Vietnam and the Philippines. Through the summer camp, students gained knowledge and skills in customer marketing and sustainable development goals (SDGs), while also engaging in cultural exchanges and visiting famous ecotourism destinations in Batangas. This opened opportunities for learning, networking, and finding solutions to current environmental and social challenges.

In this quarter, the project also organized a workshop to build a competency framework for entrepreneurship in Vietnam, with the participation of representatives from universities. Four in-depth discussions were also held with experts, lecturers, businesses, students, and alumni in the tourism sector to exchange views on the quality of ecotourism and sustainable tourism education, as well as to seek solutions for the current challenges facing the industry.

REVFIN Project: As part of the REVFIN project, a delegation from NTU, led by the Rector, conducted a working visit to the Federal Republic of Germany from September 16-20, 2024. The delegation attended meetings to discuss the progress and results of project activities and visited the Recycling Technology Research and Transfer Institute of Ostfalia University of Applied Sciences to learn about plastic recycling technology.

NTU is a partner in research and knowledge transfer on recycling, with the aim of protecting resources and promoting sustainable marine economy development. Currently, the project has completed surveys in several provinces and collected fishing gear samples for recycling research, with plans to introduce solutions at recycling demonstration centers in Nha Trang, Kien Giang, and Ha Long. Additionally, the project has organized training courses on marine environmental protection and recycling for communities and students, while also supporting the training of 16 scientists and 28 Vietnamese students through exchange programs with Ostfalia University.

THREE TRAINING PROGRAMS ACCREDITED FOR QUALITY STANDARDS

On September 6, 2024, during the solemn opening ceremony of the 2024-2025 academic year and the welcoming of over 4,000 new students, NTU proudly received quality accreditation certificates for three programs: Fisheries Management, Food Technology, and Tourism and Travel Management, bringing the total number of accredited programs to 11. Accreditation has been a key focus for the university, with the goal of having 50% of its programs accredited both nationally and internationally by 2025.

In addition, seven undergraduate programs have completed external evaluations, including Mechanical Engineering, Automotive Engineering, Electrical Engineering, Civil Engineering, Business Commerce, Banking and Finance, and English Language.

COOPERATE WITH VAN PHONG POWER COMPANY

On September 10, 2024, NTU held a signing ceremony for a cooperation agreement with Van Phong Power Company Ltd. to expand partnerships and support students. The agreement includes a program for first-year students to visit and observe the company, an internship program for final-year students, and the "Van Phong Lights" scholarship for outstanding students.

Building an extensive network of partnerships with multi-sector businesses reflects the university's commitment to connecting students with real-world professional environments and the labor market. This collaboration fosters mutually beneficial cooperation in sharing high-quality human resources.

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2024 STUDENT EXCHANGE PROGRAM

During the summer semester of 2023-2024, NTU continued its student exchange program for the Faculty of Foreign Languages, offering two courses in Translation and Interpretation in collaboration with Tay Nguyen University and Kien Giang University. Additionally, the university expanded its Student Exchange Program in Tourism with Dalat University, focusing on the course in Travel Business Management. This presents an excellent opportunity for students from different higher education institutions to enhance their experiences, exchange knowledge, and learn from each other.

The Student Exchange Program has been implemented at NTU since 2022. This initiative allows students to experience various teaching methods, thereby improving the quality of their studies and research. It also provides opportunities for students to build networks, opening up numerous career prospects in the future.

STUDENTS STRIVE FOR NEW SUCCESSES

In September 2024, the student team from the Faculty of Tourism at NTU achieved first place in the final round of the "Tourism Culture Ambassador" competition with the theme "Heritage Tourism," held in Ninh Binh province. The university's students outshone 35 outstanding contestants from universities and colleges across the country, impressing the judges with their knowledge, skills in promoting cultural tourism, and creative solutions for preserving and promoting the value of Vietnam's famous cultural heritage.

Additionally, five students with excellent academic and research achievements from the university were awarded the prestigious Vallet scholarships, each worth 29 million VND. This scholarship fund, initiated by Professor Ordon Vallet (France) and managed in Vietnam by the "Rencontres du Vietnam" scientific and educational organization, has so far benefited 115 students from NTU.

INCREASING INTEREST IN INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE ACTIVITIES

To promote international integration in the modern era, NTU has been actively creating many opportunities for students to learn about and participate in short-term and long-term study programs abroad. Recently, the International Cooperation Department organized a consultation session to introduce the Short-term Scholarship-Student Exchange Programs for the 2024-2025 academic year to more than 200 students from the university.

Students were informed about the requirements, conditions, and scholarship details for various programs, including short-term exchange programs at INTI International University (Malaysia), Chonnam National University (South Korea), and National Kaohsiung University of Science and Technology (Taiwan). They also learned about study abroad scholarships from National Taiwan Ocean University (Taiwan) and a Japanese cultural experience program.

GREEN SOLUTIONS FOR SUSTAINABLE MARINE ECONOMY IN VIETNAM

This was the main theme of the Forum on the Exploitation and Sustainable Use of Marine and Island Resources in Vietnam, organized by the Resource and Environmental Communication Center (Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment), in collaboration with the Department of Seas and Islands, the Vietnam Fisheries Association, and the United Nations Development Program (UNDP) in Vietnam, hosted at NTU with over 100 delegates in attendance.

The forum discussed several important topics, including: Green solutions for sustainable marine economic development: Issues and approaches for Vietnam; National marine spatial planning – an effective and sustainable tool for marine management; Marine biodiversity conservation – a green transition approach in sustainable marine economic development in Khanh Hoa; and the draft "Marine Functional Zoning for Nha Trang Bay." NTU presented a report on "Fishing Gear Waste Pollution in Vietnamese Waters: Socio-economic, Environmental Impacts, and Mitigation Solutions," conducted under the REVFIN project. The forum also held a thematic dialogue on green solutions, opportunities, challenges, and future prospects for the marine economy.

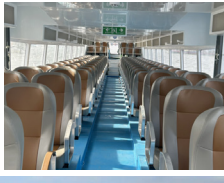
NTU is recognized as a leading institution in research and training human resources in marine science, technology, and fisheries, contributing to the sustainable development of Vietnam's marine economy.

SUCCESSFULLY CONSTRUCT TWO COMPOSITE HULL VESSELS

In September, the Shipbuilding Research Institute of NTU successfully launched two composite hull vessels: the high-speed passenger ship Duong Hai 02 and the Poong Ton Easy Dive boat.

The Duong Hai 02 was constructed for Minh Phuong Tourism Services Co., Ltd. in Quang Ninh to serve passenger transport and tourism purposes. The ship has a capacity of up to 150 passengers along with 6 crew members. It measures 28.6 meters in length, 4.0 meters in width, and 2.0/0.63 meters in height. The vessel features a harmonious and convenient interior design, including a cockpit and a passenger cabin, with noise and heat insulation. Its windows are made of tempered glass, ensuring water-tightness and resilience in harsh weather conditions.

Meanwhile, the Poong Ton Easy Dive boat is a non-motorized floating vessel made of composite material, designed for scuba diving tourism. It can accommodate 48 passengers and measures 14 meters in length, 8.5 meters in width, and 1.0 meter in height. The boat is equipped with changing rooms, fresh and wastewater tanks, and fully adheres to all safety and regulatory requirements for lifeboats, firefighting, sinking prevention, and signaling systems in accordance with the SI class ship registration.



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SPRING CAMP 2025

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-- 04 DAYS IN NHA TRANG CITY --

Opening
Classes on
Vietnamese Culture & Biodiversity
City Tour
Exchange Session on *"Lunar New Year"*
Class on Vietnamese Cuisine
Head to Dalat

-- 03 DAYS IN DALAT CITY --

Class on
"Overview of Dalat city's history, culture and tourism"
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