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Establishment of the REGIONAL CENTER OF EXCELLENCE for the Fisheries Sector

March 12, 2018: Nha Trang University (NTU) had a working session and signed a cooperation agreement with the United Nations Commission on Trade and Development (UNCTAD). The ceremony was held with the participation of Mr. Paul Kitoyi Akiwumi - Director of Division for Africa, Least Developed Countries (LDCs) and Special Programs at UNCTAD; Mr. Mussie Delelegn Arega - Chief of Landlocked Developing Countries Section at UNCTAD; Prof. Trang Si Trung - Rector of NTU and heads of related departments of NTU.

After the preparation process, the two sides agreed to sign a cooperation agreement to set up the Regional Center of Excellence. The center will serve as the focal point for capacity building of fisheries and aquaculture sectors for Least Developed Countries (LDCs) and developing island states (SIDs) in Africa and Asia. The center allows professionals and learners from a number of LDCs in Africa and Asia to apply successful Vietnamese experiences in general as well as research and development capacity of NTU in particular in developing the fishery sector.

In addition, the Center will facilitate the building of institutional and management capacities for LDCs and SIDs in order to meet international standards for food safety and quality. Besides, the exchange of experience and knowledge between policy makers and experts from a number of LDCs and SIDs will be promoted, and the research capacity of Vietnamese fisheries sector will be strengthened.

March 28, 2018: the MOU signing ceremony between NTU and Phuong Hai Nha Trang Co., Ltd was held with the participation of Dr. Khong Trung Thang - Vice Rector, Ms. Le Thi Nhu Phuong - Director of the company and leaders of NTU's departments.

Based on potentials and strengths of each party, the MoU focuses on two main areas: training and research. In the field of training, Phuong Hai Nha Trang Company is committed to receive students for internship, grant scholarships, and recruit students after graduation. In research, the two parties will implement joint-research projects in fisheries.



The establishment of the "Regional Center of Excellence" in Vietnam was assessed as a potential project of the fisheries sector in enhancing production capacity, promoting socio-economic development, and expand the export of LDCs and SIDs. At the same time, it will help affirm NTU's prestige and fame in training and research in the fisheries sector domestically and internationally.

MOU SIGNING WITH PHUONG HAI NHA TRANG CO., LTD



MEETING WITH VALLEY CAMPUS, INC. JAPAN



March 5, 2018: a delegation from Valley Campus, Inc. paid a visit and discussed cooperation with NTU.

*A*t the meeting, Mr. Satomura Shinichi - Vice President of Corporation introduced the main objectives of the IoTOMATO project. This project is to pilot a tomato plantation in Vietnam based on a new technology called the Internet of Things (IoT), which has been used in Japanese agriculture. The Corporation expressed their hope to receive support from NTU to investigate the location for research and experimenting. Both sides would like to soon carry out the project and implement collaboration with NTU's Faculty of Information Technology and Faculty of Food Technology to apply Japanese agricultural technology in Vietnam.

*D*r. Khong Trung Thang, Vice-Rector of NTU, thanked Valley Campus for the cooperation proposal. He recognized the potential of this project and emphasized that the two sides should discuss in details to make a work plan for the project.

DEVELOP COOPERATION WITH KOREAN PARTNERS

January 17, 2018: a delegation including experts and professors from the Korea International Cooperation Agency (KOICA), Gyeongsang National University and KTENG Company visited NTU.

*A*t the meeting, the parties expressed their willingness to cooperate with each other. Prof. Hanshik Chung introduced the history and achievements in training and research of Gyeongsang National University. A MoU between NTU and Gyeongsang University was proposed to be signed after this visit.

*M*r. Hwasoo Kim, an expert from KOICA, introduced the International Symposium on Fusion of Science & Technology (ISFT-2018), to be held in Bangkok, Thailand. NTU will be invited to attend the symposium.

*T*he President of KTENG Corporation, Mr. Chulsu Kim, informed that KTENG is specialized in developing modern educational equipment such as solar electric equipment, automatic control system, robot, etc. Mr. Chulsu would like to establish cooperation between NTU, KTENG and Gachon University, where he served as a faculty.

*T*he leaders of Nha Trang University have affirmed that NTU is interested in the suggestions and assigned appropriate departments to continue the discussion and promote cooperation in the future.



STRENGTHENING COOPERATION WITH UNIVERSITY OF NEVADA, LAS VEGAS - USA

Under the cooperation program with University of Nevada, Las Vegas - United States (UNLV), in March 2018, Dr. Nguyen Thi Ngan - Deputy Director of External Cooperation Department, paid a visit to UNLV to promote continuing cooperation between the two universities. Beside on-going activities such as faculty and staff exchange, training of PhDs for NTU, Dr. Nguyen Thi Ngan and members of the Faculty of Liberal Arts have proposed a scheme to facilitate students mobility between UNLV and NTU. UNLV is currently offering courses in Asian Studies and hopefully will incorporate contents about Vietnam into the program to attract students' interests about Vietnam. Then, fundraising activities will be executed to support students to travel to Vietnam and experience a short semester at NTU.

Right after Dr. Ngan's visit to UNLV, Mr. Jaekeun Cho, Director of International Engineering Program, Howard R. Hughes School of Engineering at UNLV, visited NTU on **March 29, 2018**. Representatives of faculties have actively exchanged and discussed solutions to promote cooperation in the fields of engineering such as joint training, research and student exchange. It was agreed to seek funding sources to support some students with excellent research projects to participate in UNLV's international science summer camp in 2019 if not sooner.

The University of Nevada, Las Vegas, USA, founded in 1957, is one of the leading public universities in the United States. With 30,000 students, UNLV is ranked first in the United States in terms of diversified learning environment for undergraduate students. UNLV also has one of the best Hospitality Program in the United States.



WELCOMING DELEGATION FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF LE MANS (FRANCE)

January 11, 2018: Assoc. Prof. Trang Si Trung – Rector of NTU, together with representatives of departments and faculties met with the delegation of The University of Le Mans (France).

The parties agreed to cooperate to develop new training programs; to exchange faculty, researchers and students (undergraduate, master's and doctoral students); and to develop joint projects in the fields of economics, finance, banking, chemistry and food science. Accordingly, the University of Le Mans will support to design new training programs in tourism management and in accounting – finance. ULM will also support to

establish linkages with a third party (the HCMC University of Science) to develop a masterprogram in chemistry.

On this occasion, the delegation also exchanged experiences, introduced scholarships for lecturers and students in the fields of Tourism Management, Chemical Technology and Accounting – Finance.

YEAR-END MEETING with international students and experts

January 29, 2018: On the occasion of Lunar New Year 2018, NTU organized an “International Dinner” for international students and experts who are working and studying at NTU.

Approximately 70 international experts and students from different countries such as France, Bangladesh, Uganda, Liberia, Zambia, Namibia,

Ghana, Nigeria, Haiti, Burundi, Mongolia, Chad, Laos, USA, Japan, Australia, Denmark, Germany, together with NTU’s leaders, staff, students and international project management board attended the event.

traditional dishes of many countries. These activities have increased mutual understanding and friendship between NTU staff, students and international experts and students.

The dinner took place in a joyful and friendly atmosphere with traditional music performances

and

The “International Dinner” is a sign of support of NTU’s leaders to international students and experts. It is not only an occasion to help international students and experts better understand the culture and tradition of Vietnam, but also an opportunity for them to introduce their culture and tradition to their friends.



RECEPTION OF SOLAR POWER SYSTEM FROM GUANGXI ACADEMY OF SCIENCES, CHINA

January 10, 2018: The Faculty of Electrical and Electronic Engineering of NTU held a ceremony to receive the solar energy system by Guangxi Academy of Sciences with presence of leaders from NTU, faculty members of the Faculty of Electrical and Electronic Engineering and Guangxi Academy of Sciences.

The solar energy system was installed in January 2018 by experts from the Institute of Applied Physics - Guangxi Academy of Sciences and lecturers from the Faculty of Electrical and Electronic Engineering. This is a smart solar power system that is capable of both generating electricity and converting into the national electricity grid and producing electricity independently. All parameters and operating status of the system are monitored and controlled through the Internet.

The system is currently being installed at B3 building. The maximum capacity of the system is 3.5 kW. When it is sunny, the system will generate maximum capacity from 20 to 30 kWh per day, meaning a saving of 50,000 VND. In addition, with 20 batteries of 200 Ah capacities, the system can generate back up power for classroom equipment from 6 to 10 hours (lights, fans, audio equipment, projectors).

TRAINING COURSE IN IT APPLICATIONS AND COMMUNICATION IN BLENDED-LEARNING

March 8 – 10, 2018: With the support from the Francophone University Agency (AUF), NTU organized a training course to introduce the “Manual of using IT and communication in blended-learning” compiled by international experts from the AUF network and collect comments to finalize the manual.

With the guidance of Dr. Mokhta Ben Henda (University of Bordeaux, France), Dr. Nguyen Tan Dai (representative of AUF office in Ho Chi Minh City) and Assoc. Prof. Dr. Nguyen Van Minh (Chairman of the Regional Expert Committee), more than 30 lecturers and staffs of NTU assessed contents of the manual such as planning and scheduling for distance training (pre-feasibility study,

project planning, technical conditions for project implementation); preparing the initial conditions for implementing a distance training project (training lecturers, compiling textbooks and learning materials, developing contents of online or multimedia teaching); piloting and evaluating the results of the pilot project (pilot preparation, pilot implementation and data collection, pilot evaluation

and post-project proposal).

At the end of the course, Dr. Khong Trung Thang, Vice Rector thanked AUF for their long-term supports to NTU and especially for organizing this training course. He also hoped that AUF and NTU will continue to implement more cooperation programs in the coming time.



25 lecturers from different faculties and institutes of NTU participated in the training course. The participants were divided into groups in different disciplines and guided on the following topics: syllabus writing, lesson planning,

EMI TRAINING COURSE

January 2-5, 2018 and January 9-12, 2018: With the purpose to improve the quality of training as well as English capacity for students and lecturers, and access international integration, Nha Trang University with the support of the US Embassy organized an EMI (English as a Medium of Instruction) training course to train teachers to teach disciplines in English under the guidance of Dr. Dawn Bikowski – Director of the English Language Development Program – Ohio University, USA.

teaching methodology, classroom management skills, reference materials, and technology application. The training course provided the trainees with knowledge and skills in using English to teach their content subjects.

This is an important preparation step for the lecturers as they have not had much training in this particular aspect. Teaching content subjects in English will help enhance English capacity for students so that they can function well in the work place after graduation. Beside, with better English capacity of both lecturers and students, NTU can develop new international joint training programs.

FOOD SAFETY CONSULTANCY FOR 100 FOOD SERVICES IN NHA TRANG

Implementing the instruction from the Food Safety Department, from March 27 to 31, 2018, faculties of NTU, consultants of the project "Enhance Food Safety Management in the Greater Mekong Subregion's Trade", and officials from Khanh Hoa Department of Hygiene and Food Safety worked together to evaluate 100 food services in Nha Trang city.



The target is to apply a hotel/ restaurant classification system based on 60 criteria of 5-point scales (the Checklist); to guide the restaurants to use the items in the checklist to upgrade the standard for the restaurants. In total, 100 food services have been guided to use the checklist for self-evaluation and self-classification according to levels A, B, or C.

Attending the event were Dr. Tran Thanh Duong - Director of NIMPE, Dr. Nguyen Xuan Xa, Project Coordinator, PhD. Prof. Dr. Ngo Duc Thang, Head of Epidemiology - Malaria, representatives of Khanh Hoa Department of Health, and representatives of University leaders, related departments and trainees.

At the closing ceremony, representatives of NIMPE and foreign lecturers congratulated trainees and thanked the organizers of the course and NTU for facilitating and supporting for the success of the course. At the end of the ceremony, the organizers gave the certificates of completion to the trainees.

CLOSING THE TRAINING COURSE ON QUALITATIVE RESEARCH IN HEALTH

March 02, 2018: After one month of training, a closing ceremony was organized by NTU and the National Institute of Malariology and Parasitology (NIMPE) for the Qualitative Research Method training course.



The training course on qualitative research in health was held under the collaboration between NTU and NIMPE from February 3 to March 3, 2018. It hosted 44 international trainees, lecturers and teaching assistants with theoretical classes and fieldtrip for interviews and observations in and around Nha Trang City.



LAUNCHING TWO FISHING BOATS FOR FISHERMEN IN NINH THUAN

This exhibition had 163 kiosks from leading domestic and international companies in maritime industries such as Japan, Korea, China, the Netherlands, France, Norway, Belgium, and Singapore.

NTU exhibited scientific and high-tech products that have been used by fishermen nationwide. These are products of the Faculty of Transportation Engineering and Institute for Ship Research and Development

In January 2018, the Institute for Ship Research and Development (UNISHIP) successfully launched two fishing boats named Phuc Nhan and Ngoc Han for two fishermen in Ninh Hai district, Ninh Thuan province.

These two fishing boats are in the series of 24-meter-ships which were designed and constructed by UNISHIP in accordance with Decree 67. The size of ship is 24.0 x 6.50 x 3.5m with the main engine capacity of 829Hp (made in Japan). The two secondary Diesel clusters – Generator were arranged symmetrically through the main machine. The boats are equipped with modern fishing equipment, including: 360° sonar scanning, horizontal sonar scanning, vertical sonar scanning, 72 nm radar scanning, close range and long range telescopes, able to operate safely across the waters of Vietnam.

JOIN THE INTERNATIONAL EXHIBITION ON SHIPBUILDING, MARITIME AND OFFSHORE ENGINEERING VIETSHIP 2018

January 24–26, 2018: NTU participated in the international exhibition on shipbuilding, maritime and offshore engineering Vietship 2018 at the National Conference Center, Me Tri, Hanoi.



Vietship is the largest exhibition of shipbuilding, maritime and offshore structures held every two years. Since 2002, Vietship has become a place of convergence and demonstration of advanced technologies in the region as well as in the world in building and repairing ships, marine equipment, transportation services, marine and inland waterway transport, marine and offshore engineering.



AWARDING

the certificate of institutional accreditation for NTU

April 6, 2018: the ceremony for announcement and awarding the Certificate of Institutional Accreditation in compliance with the education accreditation standards of the Minister of Education and Training for NTU was solemnly organized. There were the participation of Assoc. Prof. Dr. Nguyen Hoi Nghia - Director of Center for Education Accreditation (CEA), Vietnam National University in Ho Chi Minh City, leaders of departments, other universities and high schools in Khanh Hoa province, all staff members and students of NTU.

At the ceremony, Mr. La Hoai Tuan - Head of CEA Office announced the decision to issue Certificate of Institutional Accreditation for NTU. On behalf of CEA, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Nguyen Hoi Nghia congratulated NTU and expressed the hope that NTU would continue to develop its strengths as well as improve the shortcomings to maintain its training quality in the region and nationwide.

On behalf of all the staff, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Trang Si Trung, Rector of NTU received the Certificate and shared about the process of self-evaluation and external evaluation of the university. Accordingly, NTU had performed self-evaluation four times: in 2006, 2010, 2013 and 2017. There were two external evaluations in 2009 and 2017, both recognized in compliance with MOET's education accreditation standards. In September 2017, NTU invited CEA for external evaluation and achieved the result of 83.61% satisfaction for the period 2012-2017.





MONTH OF THE YOUTH 2018

In response to the Month of the Youth (March 2018), Youth Union of NTU organized many meaningful activities such as building "Playground for children 2018", sport competition and training courses for leaders of Youth Union and Student Association of classes.

The program "Playground for children 2018" was held at Cam Tan Primary School, Cam Lam District, Khanh Hoa Province. The main purpose is to build a safer playground for pupils, so that they avoid risky places such as ponds, lakes, rivers and streams. The program is an opportunity for students to show their responsibility and dedication to the society, thus promoting the spirit for the community.

In addition, a sport competition was also organized the Month of the Youth. More than 200 students from 12 faculties participated in football, badminton and athletics which brought a lot of interesting experiences for the students.

help these key members to become good leaders of the Youth Union and Student Association. More than 600 participants learned about office correspondence writing, built team skills, etc.

Besides, on 18 March, a skill training course was organized for key members of the Youth Union and Student Association. The aim was to



CHARITY PROGRAM "WARM SPRING"

February 3-4, 2018: Staff unions of the Faculty of Accounting and Finance, Faculty of Economics, and NTU Staff Union organized a Charity Program called "Warm Spring". They donated 70 gifts to disadvantaged families in Phuoc Binh Commune and Phuoc Binh National Park Management Board in Bac Ai District, Ninh Thuan Province.

The program made a good impression to the locals. It showed the humanity, the spirit of mutual affection of the NTU's staff to the community.



THE SEMI-FINAL OF THE "DISCOVER WITH YERSIN"

March 11, 2018: the semi-final of the "Discovery with Yersin" contest was held. This is a scientific playground created by the Institute of Biotechnology and the Environment with the aim of fostering passion for science for students, especially in the field of biology and environment. 45 teams (22 teams from high schools) competed in short-listed rounds. 9 teams were selected for the semi-final.

The semi-final was organized into 3 groups in the form of direct elimination. The competition consists of three stages including "Yersin is reading", "Yersin's laboratory" and "Yersin is doing research". The content is related to basic biology knowledge.

BUSES FOR STUDENTS TO GO HOME FOR TET HOLIDAY

February 4, 2018: Center of Business Relations & Student Support cooperated with enterprises in Khanh Hoa province to organize a ceremony to send underprivileged students to their hometown for Tet holiday on buses funded by the enterprises.

This is an annual activity organized by the University. This year, NTU cooperated with enterprises such as Khanh Hoa Salanganes Nest, Long Sinh, Vietcombank Nha Trang, Viettel Khanh Hoa, Lotus International Joint Stock to organized seven buses to bring 294 students to the Central Vietnam for their Tet Holiday. They are students whose families were affected by the typhoon No. 12 in Binh Dinh, Phu Yen and Quang Ngai provinces.

VISIT STUDENTS' FAMILIES AFFECTED BY TYPHOON NO. 12

February 6-7, 2018: five delegations from NTU paid a visit to 56 students' families who were severely affected by the Typhoon No.12 at Ninh Hoa and Van Ninh districts (Khanh Hoa) and Tay Hoa (Phu Yen).

The delegations visited, encouraged and offered 56 gifts with the total value of nearly 70 million VND to support 56 families. These families were very touched, they sent their thanks to the leaders and staff of NTU. They also showed their efforts for overcoming difficulties to motivate their children to continue their studying.

International master's program in **FOOD TECHNOLOGY**

Introduction to the program

The master's degree program taught in English is developed by the members of the VLIR-Network, based on the reference to the joint international MSc Program in Food Technology between the University of Gent and the University of Leuven (Belgium).

The objective of the training program is to provide expertise human resources in the field of food technology. With emphasis on postharvest technology and food science and technology, the program aim to equip future masters with the technical and managerial expertise, skills and attitudes to address food security issues through safe and high quality food production.

The full time program in English, course duration is 2 years with 60 credits.

Eligibility

- Having bachelor degrees related to food technology or having been trained in at least three of the four groups of knowledge about (i) mathematics, statistics and physics; (ii) chemistry, biochemistry; (iii) biology, microbiology; (iv) technical subjects, with good academic performance; special cases will be decided by the Board.

- Candidates must have a minimum IELTS score of 5.5 or equivalent or have studied for 4-5 years in English at a university in Vietnam or abroad, with a transcript and a degree provided.

Scholarship opportunities

- 05 full scholarships for excellent candidates.

- Candidates who are from ethnic minorities will be considered for exemption or reduction of tuition fees depending on specific circumstances.

For more information, please visit:

<http://www.ntu.edu.vn/donvi/sdh/default.aspx>

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UPCOMING EVENTS



1. Graduation ceremony for International master's program in Marine Ecosystem Based Management and Climate Change, cohort 2 (**June 13, 2018**)
2. Short training course for students from Southern Cross University, Australia at NTU (**June, 2018**)



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