

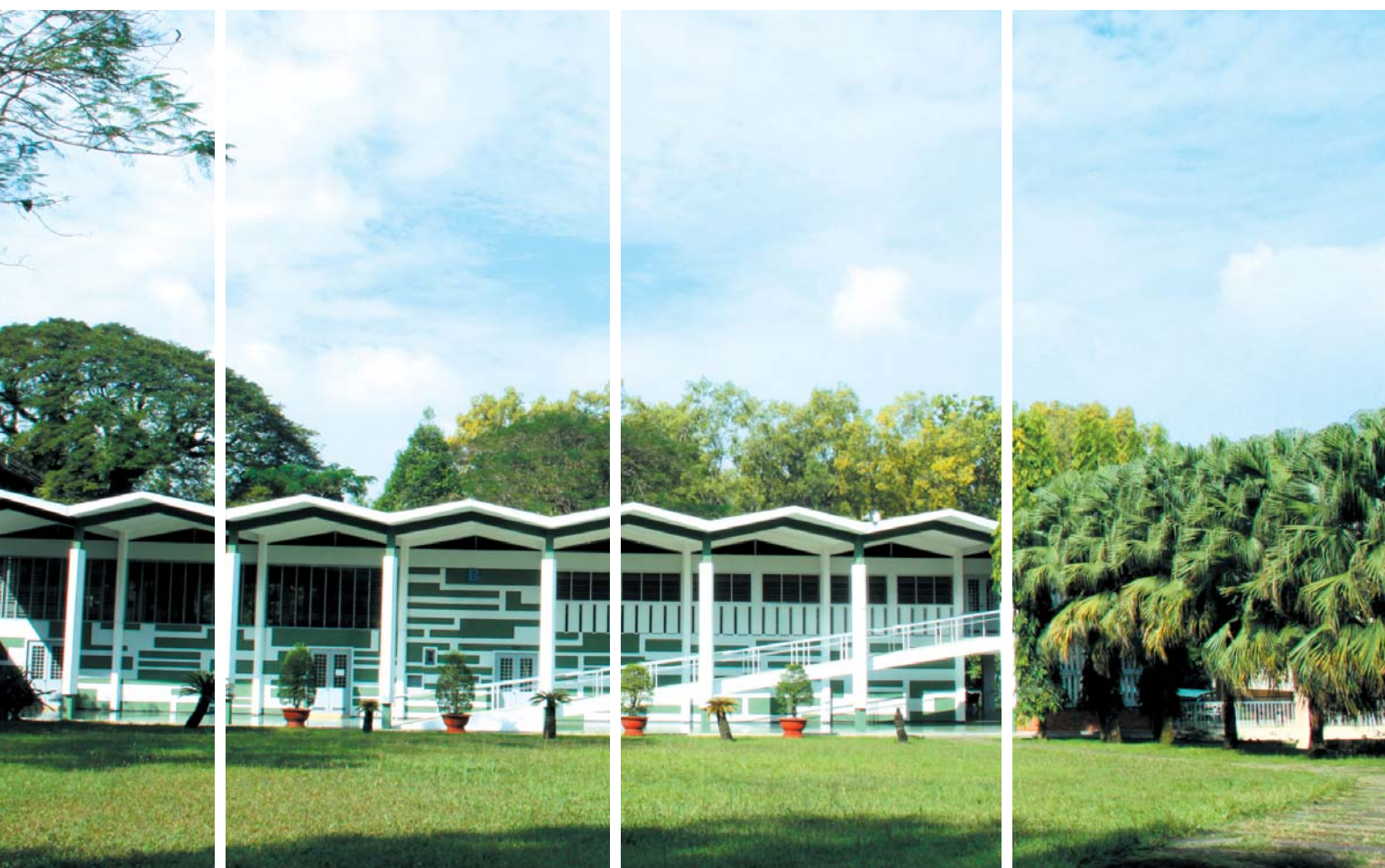


CONNECTING AND SERVING THE COMMUNITY

Serving the community has been strength, a tradition, a strategic activity and a character of VNU-HCM.

VNU-HCM offers not only a journey of creation and transfer of knowledge but also a route for the application of theoretical knowledge to real life situations. Connecting and serving the community - an open and community-oriented thought is considered by VNU-HCM as its indispensable function. Moreover, VNU-HCM focuses on serving the socio-economic development of the nation, especially of the Southern region including Ho Chi Minh City, South Eastern region, Mekong Delta, South Central Coast and Central Highlands. Connecting and serving the community are reflected in three areas: development of highly capable human resource for the region; association and effectiveness enhancement for the network of regional universities and colleges; and development of regional and national social economy.





▀ **Cooperation of VNU-HCM and other universities and colleges in Mekong Delta**

With the supports of local authorities, VNU-HCM in association with other universities and colleges in Mekong Delta and the Southern region have connected, developed and strengthened their role and capacity through shared resources, experience and potential for the regional socio-economic development.



“ By **Pham Ngoc Thuy Dung** from Binh Duong Province who successfully completed the Master's degree at University of Arkansas, USA under the program ECV 1000:

"ECV 1000 is a good program because it provides the local officers with opportunities to study abroad. The strongest aspect of the program, I personally believe, is the partner universities of Arkansas is an ideal place with friendly environment for international students to study and research. Moreover, the people of Fayetteville city are really kind and friendly. In conclusion, I hope to have a chance to pursue my doctoral degree under this program."



Pham Ngoc Thuy Dung in white T-shirt, standing in the middle of the row

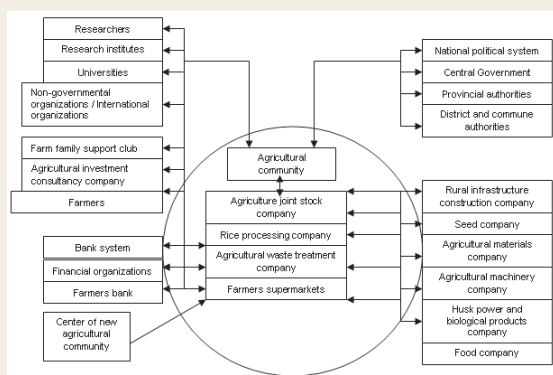
Developing high quality human resource for local provinces

The goal of ECV 1000 is to have 1,000 officers trained in postgraduate programs (both Masters and PhD's) at foreign universities from now to 2020 with specializations meeting the needs for technology development of local provinces, contributing to the national modernization and industrialization. So far, nearly 20 officers from local provinces were sent by VNU-HCM to study in the USA, Japan and Europe.

Connecting scientific research with community for socio-economic development

Facilitating the triangle "Education - Research - Industry" to meet the needs of enterprises and community, VNU-HCM has carried out many applied research projects and technology transfer at local provinces in order to promote the socialization in the community, serving the socio-economic development.

RICE-BASED MODEL OF SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE COMMUNITIES



Dr. Nguyen Thi Van Ha
Instructor of Faculty of Environment,
University of Technology

Four Quadrant Model: Farmers - Government - Researchers - Entrepreneurs

The research group of VNU-HCM including the University of Technology, University of Science, University of Social Sciences & Humanities is conducting, in association with local authorities and enterprises, the research to apply the rice-based model of sustainable agriculture communities at Phu Tan, An Giang province.

The model is aimed at increasing the value chain of rice, taking advantage of secondary products, enabling farmers to raise the revenue, developing new rural communities and building a wasteless biomass town system. The development of bio-energy potentials and the project CDM are other targets of the project in response to climate changes, lack of energy and national food security.

The model offers chances for researchers to apply the research outputs into real life situations, and creates a favourable environment for the government and policy makers to conduct the policy of developing new rural areas and reduce post-harvest losses and renewable bio-energy.

VNU-HCM STUDENTS: FUTURE PILLARS OF THE NATION

Passionate about study and research, VNU-HCM student have overcome hardships and challenges to gain many great achievements in the national and international contests. Those achievements help enhance not only the students' personal academic competency but also VNU-HCM's reputation and position.

▲ VNU-HCM Students and the honor title "Five-good Student" 2010

Five criteria include: outstanding performance (i.e. good academic record and participation of scientific research), good moral conduct (i.e. high score in character training), good health (i.e. high score in physical education), excellent skills (i.e. participation of training courses and soft skill contests) and good integration into international environment (i.e. at least C-level English proficiency and active participation of international exchange programs).

Doan Duyen Anh, a fourth-year student of Faculty of Oriental Studies of University of Social Sciences & Humanities, was granted the title "Five-good Student" of VNU-HCM in 2010.



List of valedictorians in the National Entrance Examination 2010

- **Hoang Van Quy:**
valedictorian in the entrance exam to the University of Technology (29.25 points)
- **Nguyen Manh Tien:**
valedictorian in the entrance exam to the University of Science (28.50 points)
- **Le Tuan Anh:**
valedictorian in the entrance exam to the University of Information Technology (25 points)
- **Do Nguyen Trung Dung:**
valedictorian in the entrance exam to the International University (26 points)
- **Phan Nguyen Vu:**
valedictorian in the entrance exam to the University of Economics and Laws (28 points)
- **Ngo Duc Anh, Phan Duc Giap, Nguyen Tan Thien:**
valedictorian in the entrance exam to the School of Medicine (24.50 points).

*Student
Doan Duyen Anh*



Students of High School for the Gifted with high scores in the National Entrance Examination 2010

There were 7 students of the High School for the Gifted getting the highest scores and other 9 students achieving the second highest results in the entrance exam to prestigious universities such as

- University of Science, VNU-HCM
- University of Social Sciences & Humanities, VNU-HCM
- Ho Chi Minh City University of Economics
- Ho Chi Minh City University of Medicine and Pharmacy
- Foreign Trade University
- Pham Ngoc Thach University of Medicine
- University of Laws
- Saigon University
- Ho Chi Minh City University of Pedagogy

In addition to study and research, VNU-HCM students have actively participated in extra-curricular activities such as Green Summer Campaign, Volunteers' Spring as well as civilized lifestyle, conformity to laws and environment protection. Subsequently, they have developed their personal self-awareness and identified their stereotypes and culture with expanded networks. Moreover, through such activities, their morality has been cultivated, enabling them to become useful citizens for the society.

2010 Green Summer Campaign in Lao People's Democratic Republic

In the 2010 Green Summer Campaign in Champasak province of Lao People's Democratic Republic, 11 VNU-HCM volunteers participated in many activities such as electrical safety training for University of Champasak students, information technology training for 30 faculty and students at University of Champasak, repairment of 40 computers at University of Champasak, painting training for 70 children in Champasak province, sports contests with Champasak Youth Union and University of Champasak and installation of a VND 15-million drinking water system at University of Champasak. This was the seventh year when VNU-HCM students have attended the Green Summer Campaign in Laos with lots of practical constructions, which have made a good impression on Laos people.





University of Technology volunteers were building a loving house in My An, Thap Muoi, Dong Thap



Opening ceremony of a bridge in Doc Binh Kieu, Thap Muoi, Dong Thap



University of Technology volunteers and the bridge constructors in Doc Binh Kieu

2010 GREEN SUMMER CAMPAIGN OF UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY

After sixteen years of implementation, the volunteers of Green Summer Campaign University of Technology have become familiar not only with the residents in Ho Chi Minh City (e.g. Cu Chi, Hoc Mon, District 10, Thu Duc District) but also with people in Eastern provinces (e.g. Tay Ninh), Western provinces (e.g. Tra Vinh, Ben Tre) and Laos.

The 2010 Green Summer Campaign of University of Technology started on 12th July 2010 to 11th August 2010 at thirteen communes of Thap Muoi District (Dong Thap), District 10 (HCMC) and Laos with the participation of 1,430 staff and students. With the knowledge gained from the University, the volunteers successfully built one "Gratitude House", 13 "Loving Houses", 10 cement bridges (297 meters long and 2.5 meters wide, with

loading capacity up to 2.5 tons, 2 tons and 1 ton); 12 new concretized roads in rural areas (12,613m x 2.40m), and many other practical works. The total value of all constructions in 2010 Green Summer Campaign was over VND 7 billion.

For 16 years, the volunteers, with their youthful strength, willingness and dedication to the public, have successfully developed and enhanced the brand name of "Green Summer Campaign of University of Technology". This actually is resulted from tireless efforts of not only generations of students, faculty, staff and university management board but also socio-economic organizations and local authorities where the campaign is conducted. Let us light up the fire of youth - the voluntary spirit and pass it on.



"Green Summer Campaign of University of Technology is really impressive to the people in Thap Muoi District in particular and Dong Thap Province in general. The activities in the one-month campaign such as constructing bridges and building houses have positively contributed to the local socio-economic development. Undoubtedly, the University of Technology has fulfilled the campaign's objective: "stay with love, do with trust, and go with remembrance". More significantly, the University, through the campaign, has provided the local people with what they really need, and the activities also match its specializations and strengths. The 2010 Green Summer Campaign ended with many meaningful works, and we would like to thank them, the young people who live for the sake of others. We hope that Dong Thap will be the destination of Green Summer Campaign of University of Technology in future."

*By Ms. **Tran Thi Thai**,
Vice President of People's Committee of Dong Thap Province*

▶ VNU-HCM Students helped flood victims

In addition to the organization of donation programs to help central flood-hit provinces, many VNU-HCM students passed the thousands kilometers journey to present relief items and their love to flood victims.



▶ VNU-HCM Students as Companions to Laws

VNU-HCM organized the program "Students as companions to laws" in order to increase its students' awareness of laws through visual and active training methods. The program attracted the participation of thousands of VNU-HCM students. Each affiliates registered to participate in propaganda contests including dramas, multiple choices, short movies, panel and slogan design, talks and legal consultation... The contents mainly focused on traffic law, criminal law, civil law, and law of sexual equality, etc.



The contest rehearsal by students of University of Economics & Laws

▶ Tree planting program at VNU-HCM campuses

In support of the program "For a Civilized and Modern City" launched by Ho Chi Minh City Youth Union, 315 members of VNU-HCM Youth Union participated in planting trees at VNU-HCM campuses. As a result, 500 trees were planted in Central Library, Street Number 5, and Guest House at VNU-HCM campuses.



The contest rehearsal by students of University of Economics & Laws

▶ Friendship meals

In support of VNU-HCM students, the program "Friendship meals" was implemented by VNU-HCM and Hoa Sen group to assist economically disadvantaged students at VNU-HCM, and at the same time, to propagandize healthy meals and environment protection. There were more than 15,000 meals delivered to target students at all VNU-HCM affiliates.

Provision of the best facilities for students is always the main concern of VNU-HCM. The dormitory system is one of its approaches to create the best environment for students to study and research.





▲ VNU-HCM Dormitory System

Currently, the Dormitory System at VNU-HCM Campuses (Thu Duc, Di An) includes Section A, Section B and Socialized Section.

- Section A consisting of 20 dormitories were built from the budgets of Ho Chi Minh City, other provinces and VNU-HCM, among which there are 18 units completed and being used while the remaining 2 will be completed and be in use at the end of 2010. The expanded Section A is also being constructed, and expected to accommodate 20,000 students.

- The Ground Breaking Ceremony of Section B was organized by VNU-HCM and leaders of Ho Chi Minh City and Binh Duong province. This section can accommodate 40,000 students and is a part of the project QG-HCM-06 which aims at providing 100,000 rooms for students in Ho Chi Minh City and Binh Duong. It is expected to be completed and used in 2012.

- Socialized Section provides 1,000 rooms (with a total area of 4,500 m² which is worth VND 11 billion and can be used for 10 years).

In addition to the dormitory system in Thu Duc - Di An, in inner city, VNU-HCM also receives valuable supports and assistance from leaders of provinces and enterprises to build modern dormitories which can reach international standards. For example, University of Technology received a loan of VND 60 billion from the stimulus capital of Ho Chi Minh City to build a fully-managed and well-equipped dormitory in District 10 with the capacity of more than 2,500 students, which can be compared to dormitories of other international universities.



What did they say about VNU-HCM Dormitory system?

"...I've stayed at the dormitory for 4 years and found myself much more mature here. This is a place where I could learn a lot, not only from my friends but also from my teachers. Moreover, I could easily share my feelings and challenges with them. It's hard to say how much I love this place, and I'll try my best to contribute to a better dorm..."

By Pham Thi Thuy Tien

A student of Room A5, VNU-HCM Dormitory system
Chairman of Dormitory's Broadcaster Club
Faculty of Literature and Language, University of Social
Sciences and Humanities



A dormitory for students of Lam Dong Province



A dormitory for students of Quang Ngai Province



▲ Career consultancy at VNU-HCM

VNU-HCM, a system of prestigious public universities, is trying to become the leading center of science and technology innovation in Vietnam and the region. Moreover, it is committed to providing the society with individuals who possess good knowledge, excellent skills and critical thinking to meet the needs of highly capable human resource for the social development and global economic integration.

There are a lot of programs at VNU-HCM aiming at connecting education and social demands, creating a close link between learners, training institutions and employers and contributing to the increased training effectiveness. As such, career consultancy for students is considered to be one of the main tasks for providing the society with high-quality human resources.

2010 Job Fair at VNU-HCM

The 2010 Job Fair of VNU-HCM called for participation of more than 120 enterprises with 80 booths. There were 1,033 recruitment positions, 23,608 application forms collected and 931 turns of students joining job interviews. At the Fair, there were also 144 economically disadvantaged students were granted the scholarships valued up to VND 401 from the participating enterprises.

BASIC CONSTRUCTION

In addition to the monitoring and modification of the whole construction project of VNU-HCM to best suit the real situation and budget, VNU-HCM continues to promote the basic construction at VNU-HCM Campuses in Thu Duc - Di An. Up to now, it has basically completed the main transportation system there. Some component projects have completed the infrastructure (University of Science, University of Technology, International University...). The Information Technology Park and the Center for National Defense Education have finished the first phase of the project while the second phase is still in process. Simultaneously, VNU-HCM continues the construction of the library system and the sports center.

▀ VNU-HCM Infrastructure

Road No. 7



Main road No. 6



Belt road No. 3



Main road No. 5