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THE CONFERMENT CEREMONY OF HONORARY DOCTORATE DEGREE & CELEBRATION OF MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR 2017

On 22th December afternoon, at Learning Resource Center's Hall, TNU held "The Conferment ceremony of honorary doctorate degrees and the celebration of Marry Christmas and Happy new year". Attending the ceremony was Prof. Dr. Dang Van Minh - Deputy Director of TNU and leaders of offices, departments, member institutions and all staff, foreign lecturers and students working and studying in TNU.

For years until now, Mr. Noel Servigon - Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary Ambassador of the Republic of the Philippines to Vietnam has made great contributions to the international cooperation between TNU and universities in the Philippines including consolidating, increasing international cooperation in higher education and professional training and strengthening friendship between the two countries in the field of tertiary education.



Starting in 2006, Mr. William Hugh McDonald, Jr. lectured at TNU University of Education, continued at the TNU College of Economics and Technique and TNU School of Foreign Languages. In the past 10 years, Mr. William Hugh McDonald, Ir. has been involved in teaching, helping, referring job opportunities to

more than 3,000 students studying English. Particularly, he was instrumental in helping build TNU International Cooperation Center funded by World Bank. During his time of career at TNU, Mr. William Hugh McDonald, Jr. became a famous and experienced teacher in teaching English, a beloved teacher to students and colleagues of TNU. Besides, Mr. McDonald is also known as a coordinator in the selection and invitation of experts to teach and work at TNU.

On the occasion of Christmas 2016 and welcoming the new year 2017, Prof. Dr. Dang Van Minh – Vice President of TNU has congratulated health, peace, warmth and happiness to over 200 faculties, international students teaching and learning at the University of Thai Nguyen. Vice President also acknowledged and appreciated the contribution of the international faculty to TNU in the past and hopefully TNU will continue to be a prestige university and a wonderful environment for teachers and students abroad working and studying in Vietnam for years to come.

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TNU-UE CELEBRATES ITS 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF TRADITION AND RECEIVES THE MEDAL OF FRIENDSHIP OF LAO PEOPLE'S DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC

At the ceremony, Mr. Kongsy Sengmany, Vice-Minister of Ministry of Education and Sport, Lao People's Democratic Republic congratulated and appreciated the quality of training and the prestige of the university. He also expressed his gratitude to the Party Committee, the management board, the teachers who always assisted, created favorable conditions, and cared about Laos exchanged students. Hope to confirm strengthen and develop relationship and cooperation on education - training between TNU University of Education and Lao's universities. May the special friendship between Vietnam and Lao last forever!



Mr. Kongsy Sengmany awarded the Medal of Friendship of Lao People's Democratic Republic to TNU University of Education.

At the ceremony, Mr. Pham Manh Hung - Deputy Minister of Ministry of Education and Training, Mr. Vu Hong Bac- Chairman of Thai Nguyen People's Committee and Mr. Dang Kim Vui – President of TNU spoke, congratulated and appreciated the achievements that the school has achieved. Especially, Resolution No. 29 of the 11th Party Central Committee "Innovate basic, comprehensive education and training to meet the requirements of industrialization and modernization of the country in economic conditions market socialist orientation and international integration ", the university has been a pioneer in the unit of universities of education, actively propose and implement more innovative solutions in order to renew the content, programs training and retraining of teachers and education managers, meeting the requirements of ordinary innovation and higher education innovation.



THE OPENING CEREMONY OF COURSE IV -COMMERCIAL VIETNAMESE TRAINING PROGRAMS FOR CHINESE STUDENTS LEARNING ABROAD

In the framework of cooperation between TNU University of Economics and Business Administration - Vietnam and Hong Ha Academy- China, based on the consensus of the Rector of TNU University of Economics and Business Administration, on November 21st 2016 afternoon, TNU University of Economics and Business Administration held a solemn opening ceremony of Course IV- Commercial Vietnamese training programs for Chinese students learning abroad.

At the opening ceremony, there was presence of Assoc. Prof. Dr. Do Anh Tai- Vice Rector of TNU University of Economics and Business Administration and the lecturers who lead of Departments and Centers, university lecturers, and Chinese students learning abroad. About Hong Ha Academy- China, there was presence of Mrs. Truong Hai Nhuoc-Lecturer.



Assoc. Prof. Dr Do Anh Tai - Vice Rector made the opening speech

The Opening Ceremony of Course IV – Commercial Vietnamese training programs for Chinese students learning abroad was successful; therefore, the cooperation program marked an important development in relationship between the two universities in particular, and the development of cooperation between the two countries Vietnam - China in general. Wishing for two schools will have more and more cooperation programs.

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THINGS YOU NEED TO PREPARE BEFORE PARTICIPATING IN JOB TRAINING IN JAPAN

My name is Nguyen Van Vinh. I have just returned from Japan after finishing 7-month internship programme of Centre of International Training and Development, TNU University of Agriculture and Forestry in 2016. That was really a key experience in my entire life as I had learned a lot about my major, agriculture, equipped myself with plenty of useful stuff for my future job as well as had unforgettable memories in Japan.

Learning Japanese before you go

Japanese is a hieroglyphic language, so I had some difficulties when starting to learn it. Although teachers helped me a lot and I tried so hard to learn, but I realized that such an effort was not enough for me to overcome the language barrier when I arrived in Japan. I listened to my landlord carefully and observed how he worked, then took notes every single word and tried to memorize them with actions. When he taught me to do a thing, I did it right away. In the meantime, I had him check if it was right, then went on to do the rest of the work. That was the best way to learn new vocabulary. One month in Japan, I got used to communicating with people and my listening skills were improved a lot. Apart from work, I were able to share and chat more about daily stuff with my landlord.



Dinner with my landlord's family



Physical and attitude training

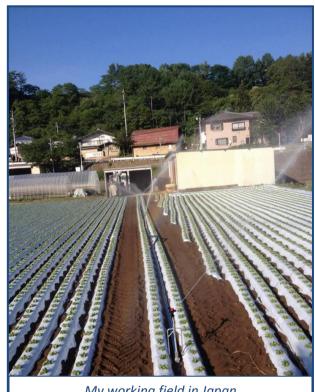
The time I spent in the dormitory of the centre doing exercise was memorable for me as well as other students. Here I made friends with a lot of people, studied and trained under strict management of teachers. According to the timetable, we had to get up early at 6a.m to do a one-hour exercise, then studied Japanese and did exercise again in the afternoon. At first, I didn't get used to with strict and organized timetable, I felt pretty tired, but I was not until I arrived in Japan that I realized how important that I was well-prepared in Vietnam. However, the work became harder in harvest time when we had to get up at 2 or 3 a.m to harvest vegetables. Whenever I got tired, seeing the landlord, who was a 65-year-old, working as a young person made me think that I had to tried harder. I set my own timetable to study and work, so I succeeded in training myself to be conscious and persistent. That was also the reason why I stayed healthy during 5 months in Japan.

belongings **Preparing** personal and clothes

Beside belongings personal toothbrush, toothpaste, shaver, books, and overalls, you need to bring with you thick coats as it is very cold in April and October (1 degree Celsius at night and about 10 degree Celsius in the morning). Raincoats are also necessary because it helps keep your body warm, dry and clean when harvesting vegetables at night.

Getting to know about Japanese culture

Learning about culture, daily habits, customs, etc. of native people makes it much easier to get accustomed to a culture.



My working field in Japan

After 5 months, I have learned some basic things in daily life in Japan. The first thing is saying "thank you" whenever the landlord gives you something or whenever you make a mistake. This is an expression of respect in Japanese culture. If you want someone to respect you, respect them first, be honest and humble, be punctual. I regard the landlord as my relative, and he always treats me good.

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COMPUTER SCIENCE MASTER DEGREE K12 SECOND TIME AWARDING CEREMONY

In the afternoon of 11th November 2016, at the university of information technology and communication, a meeting to award master degrees of computer sciences to 35 postgraduates of k13 (2014-2016). At the meeting, there were attendance of M.A Vu Vinh Quang, Vice rector of the university, M.A Truong Ha Hai, Chairman of the University Committee, directors of some departments, along with 35 new masters and their relatives.

On behalf of the university administrators, M.A Vu Vinh Quang congratulated all postgraduates that they had achieved master degrees. He hoped that in the future they would work with their full potentials and turn theories they had learned into practice, and then contribute to the development of society.



The new masters take photos with representatives of the university

On behalf of all new masters, Mr. Vu Van Quang made a speech to express their deep gratitude to the directors, administrators and especially to the lecturers for having supported them to achieve such a success. With the enjoyment and pride to study at the university, he promised that all new masters would devote their lifetime to accumulate more knowledge no matter what social positions they would be or fields they would work. In the formal and exciting atmosphere, representatives solemnly awarded master degrees and flowers to he postgraduates, happily finishing the course of computer sciences 13 (2014-2016).



THE FIRST AGRICULTURAL SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY SEMINAR AT TNU-CET

On December the 15th morning, within the series of events to celebrate major holidays, at the Agricultural Science Technology meeting room of TNU College of Economics and Technology (TNU - CET), the first Agricultural Science and Technology Seminar was organized with the theme "Steady development in Agriculture".

The seminar was taken place with the appearance of Meritorious Teacher, Assistant Professor/Dr Nguyen Dinh Man - Rector; comrades from the Administrators; leaders from divisions, faculties as well as teachers and scientific research leaders who are students from Agricultural Science and Technology faculty.

The organization of the seminar is a compulsory thing to do in present, which will bring faith and encouragement for students and lecturers from the faculty to overcome difficulties, challenges and reach for new peaks.

The seminar was in charge of raising the awareness in science, also sharing new information within many fields: farming land management; environment management; veterinary feeding and cultivation.

The seminar was also a chance for teachers and lecturers working in the faculty to have a close view on doing research, keep their research on way to be completed and apply to train and educate not only their students but also the next young generations.

In a speech, Mr. Nguyen Dinh Man appreciated the efforts and dedication of all lecturers and officers of the Agriculture and Forestry Technology Faculty. The teaching methods, training quality applied on students depend most on those lecturers' enthusiasm.

There were four science reports specialized in several topics:

- Mrs Tran Thi Thu Hien MA, announce her thematic: "Information Technology usage in building land map, classification map which is used to serve the development of agricultural land in Dong Hy district, Thai Nguyen province
- Mrs. Dao Thi Thu Huong, MA, and her report: "Shallow rice and sustainable agricultural development to defend climate change in Vietnam".
- Dr. Do Thi Van Giang and her scientist work: "Breeding development in Vietnam".
- Mrs. Quyen Thi Dung, MA, with: "Shallow exposed dry irrigation and steady agriculture development"

The seminar was successfully organized in general and brought many effectiveness in studying and teaching research for lecturers and students. Many opinions were quite practical and suitable to the reality of the University.

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AGRICULTURE EXTENSION TRAINING SEMINAR FOR AGRICULTURAL UNIVERSITIES

On November 25th morning, at University of Agriculture and Forestry (UAF), NAEC (National Agriculture Extension Center) – in the collaboration with the University, organized the Agriculture extension training seminar in Agriculture universities.

In the speech during the seminar, Dr Tran Van Khoi - Director of NAEC informed: agricultural cadres number are being increased currently, as well as their qualifications; however, the grassroots' (commune, hamlet, village) are quite low and unequal due to the lack of general regulations for recruitment standard and treatment regime. In details, there are nationally about 24% of commune agricultural cadres who haven't got the intermediate level, and over 55% of agricultural collaborators haven't been technically trained.



Dr Tran Van Khoi - Director of NAEC, speaking at the conference

According to the present statistics, there are nationally over 8,700 agricultural enterprises which occupy more than 3.5% of the total number of economic firms around the country, meanwhile the number of labors is about 380,000, which are predictably increased 10% each

year within the period of 2017 – 2020, about over 65,000 ones.

At the conference, lots of delegates suppose that grassroots agriculture extension commissioners not only are the bridge to deliver technical and scientific progress but also directly work with farmers to discover new agriculture extension models. In fact, these commissioners play a very important part in developing the local agriculture, which is particularly giving instructions to farmers as well as conducting the schedule with the authorities for producing, detecting and restraining diseases in time, and connecting to organizations in vocational training for farmers. Thus, beyond the arrangement renovation and power resource for agriculture extension, provinces and cities also need to invest expenditure for local agriculture extension activities and to boost the qualification for the multi level system of agriculture extension, especially grassroots level. To Agriculture universities, extremely to the agriculture extension department, the priority is training soft skills for students, some of those can be listed such as: teamwork, observation, listening, transmitting and receiving responded information, analyzing, visualization.



THE FOURTH SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL EXHIBITION

In the afternoon of 10th December, Thai Nguyen University in collaboration with Hoa Lac Hi-Tech Service Centre held the fourth scientific and technological exhibition with a slogan "sharing knowledge - creating future". This was the event to display technology and investment contracts for students, young scientists and startups.

Continuing the success of previous ones (held in Hanoi, Danang and Ho Chi Minh city), this time, the exhibition attracted over 300 students from all universities that were under Thai Nguyen university management. Its aim was to encourage students to do researches and startup activities, heading to merchandising innovations and globalizing startup companies.



In this exhibition, students had chances to learn knowledge and experience about technological startup activities from famous startup professional. A new thing in this year exhibition was monthly meetings in which advanced knowledge would be shared according to specific fields in order to stimulate and direct researching products as well as creativity of the youth.

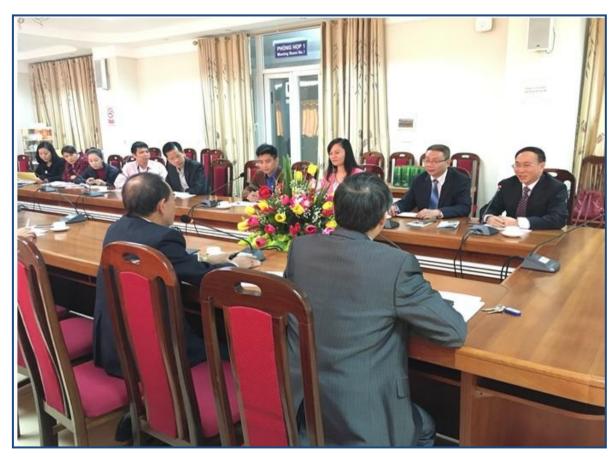
Also, students showed up some creative ideas, scientific researching products and innovations such as a model of producing area of fresh foods, immediate and nationwide distributions; automated watering machine, fertilizers for agriculture and forestry; ICT in agriculture; smart classrooms and TNU-social application.

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OFFICIALS OF GUANGXI UNIVERSITY OF MEDICINE, CHINA VISITED THAI NGUYEN UNIVERSITY OF MEDICINE AND PHARMACY

Accepting the invitation of Thai Nguyen University of medicine and pharmacy, professor Liang Hao, director the AIDS curing and prevention centre, Guangxi university of medicine led the officials of Guangxi University of Medicine, China to visit the university from 28th Nov. to 29th Nov. 2016.



On 28th Nov 2016, TNU University of Medicine and Pharmacy welcomed the guests. Professor Nguyen Van Son, the university president emphasized that it was the honor to welcome Guangxi University of medicine and he hoped that the collaboration between two universities would be promoted in the future.

The guests, in turn, thanked the TNU University of Medicine and Pharmacy for inviting and welcoming them harmoniously. In the conference, they introduced about their university, the AIDS curing and prevention centre and outstanding researches that the center had been carrying out. Two universities discussed and brought about collaboration projects.

The first visit of Guangxi University of Medicine to TNU University of Medicine and Pharmacy ended with promising development in collaboration between two universities in the future.



JAPANESE DELEGATION VISITED AND WORKED AT

TNU UNIVERSITY OF INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGY

Welcoming the delegation of Japan, on behalf of ICTU Board, Dr. Vu Duc Thai - Vice rector, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Pham Viet Binh – Former Rector, together with all the staff of functional department, Automotive Technology division and sensor system.



Over the years, based on the help of equipment of Yokohama Automotive University, Automotive Technology Department of ICTU has been formed. The visit and work at this time between the school and other units is to continue develop cooperation of Vocational Training for students, especially in the field of high-tech cars.

At the meeting, the parties gave a brief overview of their units, exchanged, identified possibilities for cooperation and long-term cohesion based on similarities in the training of the schools with the need to use resources employees of Japanese companies. Accordingly, ICTU party expressed that they desire to get the help of the Japanese partners in developing training programs, perfecting of teaching materials in order to develop automotive electronics towards high technology, to meet the huge demand for qualitative labor resources in this area. Simultaneously, ICTU students can practice in business establishments, service and repair factories of the companies located in Vietnam in the coming time.

On the Japanese side, representatives of the companies fully agree with the comments above, while confirming the company will create the best condition for ICTU students to practice and the outstanding students meeting work requirement will be employed at the business establishments located in Vietnam.

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THE DELEGATION OF GHENT UNIVERSITY - BELGIUM VISIT AND WORK AT TNU UNIVERSITY OF AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY

On October 24th2016, TNU University of Agriculture and Forestry was an honor to welcome the Delegations from Ghent University, Belgium to visit and work at the school.

Welcoming the delegations, there were presence of Assoc. Prof. Dr. Tran Van Dien, Rector and representatives of the International Cooperation Center, the leader of Biotechnology - Food Technology and Advanced Program Office. About Ghent University, Belgium, Prof. Guy Smagge and Assoc. Prof. Katleen are lecturers in Biotechnology.



Representatives of both universities discuss about cooperation opportunities

Representatives of both universities discussed about these opportunities to expand cooperation in the future, and focused on capacity development for staff, researchers and students through academic exchanges and implementation of joint research in the relevant fields. The professor at the University of Ghent expressed that they were willingness to instruct TNU University of Agriculture and Forestry's young lecturers and former students during the process of carrying out research. At the same time, they also promised to provide a link to promote the exchange of students and lecturers between the two universities. In order that TNU University of Agriculture and Forestry's staff and students can approach the research at the University of Gent, the professors organized two thematic workshops with advanced program's students and Biotechnology and Food technology's students. The meeting between representatives of both universities was held successfully and promised a lot of opportunities for cooperation in the future.



TNU UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCES' YOUTH UNION CONTRIBUTES TO SUPPORT PEOPLE IN CENTRAL REGION

On October 18th 2016, TNU University of Sciences' Youth Union officially launched the donation program to help Central Region flood victims. During launched time from October 18th 2016 to the end of October 31th 2016, the program's fund has been raised about 21,375,000 VND.

In recent days, heavy rains have caused floods which made many people in Central Region provinces die, lost and injure. Fast moving waters washed away hundreds of houses. Floods surround houses in Central Region after torrential rain submerged tens of thousands of houses. Floods also left thousands homeless whose life was at stake because of the lack of foods.



To bring into play the nation's traditions, and express feelings and responsibility of TNU University of Sciences' Youth, Youth Union Committee launched a donation, appeal the sincere heart of all students in the whole school for people in Central Region provinces.

Although the gift for people in Central Region is not large, it contains in the spirit and solidarity of TNU University of Sciences' Youth Union for people in flooded areas. We hope that people here can overcome difficulties and settled daily life as well as production soon.

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GIVING GIFTS AND FREE MEDICAL TREATMENTS TO REMOTE ETHNIC GROUPS

On 18th December, at Phu Thuong primary school, Phu Thuong commune (Vo Nhai district), the Communist Youth Union and Student's Association of TNU University of Medicine and Pharmacy started a campaign "Winter volunteer work - giving love and sharing warmth" to giving gifts and free medical treatments to students of the school. The total expense of the campaign was 40 million VND.



During the campaign, the operators gave 249 gifts (books and studying tools) to students, warm blankets to 65 excellent disadvantaged students, 10 scholarships (01 million vnd each) to disadvantaged students; and repaired 1 house for extremely poor student.

Besides, doctors of the TNU-University of Medicine and Pharmacy gave advice, diagnosis and free medical treatments to all teachers and students of the school.



HONORING 8 GROUPS AND 82 INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE HAD EXCELLENT ACHIEVEMENTS IN THE SCHOOL YEAR OF 2015-2016

In the morning of November 15th, Thai Nguyen University held a conference to honor 8 groups and 82 brilliant students in the school year of 2015-2016. On behalf of members of local education institutes, PhD Tran Viet Khanh, Vice President of Thai Nguyen University took part in the conference.



In the school year of 2015-2016, there were 420 excellent students, 2087 good students, 8 who got the prize of national science research, 26 who got the prize in national Olympic competition, 84 who got medals in sports competitions, 20 excellent groups and 28 good groups.

To get those achievements, students made such a great effort in studying and training, along with teachers' great support. Also, the innovation in learning method which is student-centered helped students be more active and creative in their study. Students who got those achievements all had good manners and energies to make progress in life.

In the conference, representatives discussed how to promote student affairs in the next school year. There were 9 ideas of sharing learning experience and enhancing the quality of managing student affairs.

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ENGLISH CAMP ON THE OCCASION OF CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR 2017

On 17th December 2016, School of foreign languages held "English camp" with a slogan "new year celebrations". This attracted a lot of students who were not only from this university but from other universities as well.

The aim of English camp was to establish and develop communicative English community at the school of foreign languages with the foundation being Community English Club.



With this programme, it is hoped that students would improve their language skills and competence and set up a appropriate environment that could stimulate them to actively and comfortably learn English.

The English camp brought a series of youthful and diverse activities related to English learning. Furthermore, there were booths that showcase students' hand-made gifts, book libraries and teamwork. Besides, there were exciting singing and game activities that fuelled up the creativity and exciting of students.

The English camp was really a good chance to broaden student's minds as well as assert their personalities and self-esteem.



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