



# NEWSLETTER

NHA TRANG UNIVERSITY



*Welcome NEW YEAR 2021  
with NEW SUCCESS!*

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## *Mission*

To train highly qualified manpower, carry out research and technology transfer, and provide services in various areas to meet the demand of socio-economic development, with fisheries as the major strength

## *Vision*

To become a prestigious university in training, research, and technology transfer, a leader in Southeast Asia in fisheries science and some selected areas in marine economy by 2030

## *Core values*

Unity - Integration - Dynamicity - Responsibility

## *Educational philosophy*

Focusing on developing professionalism, creativity and responsibility in an integrated education environment, associated with professional practice and the community



## Opening ceremony of the Academic Year 2020-2021

On October 17, 2020, Nha Trang University (NTU) solemnly held the Opening Ceremony of the academic year 2020-2021, welcoming more than 3500 freshmen of the 62<sup>nd</sup> cohort.

During the challenging year caused by the Covid-19 pandemic, in the academic year 2019 - 2020, the leaders, lecturers and students of NTU have made great efforts to overcome difficulties and achieved a lot of successes in training, scientific research, technology transfer, external cooperation and building facilities.

At the ceremony, the university rewarded 43 students with excellent performance in academic and extracurricular activities, especially, rewarded 3 freshmen who were valedictorians in the national high school exam in 2020. In addition, some businesses in Khanh Hoa province also awarded valuable scholarships to students.



## Celebrate Vietnamese Teacher's Day

On the occasion of the Vietnamese Teachers' Day (Nov 20<sup>th</sup>), many faculties and institutes of the university held plenty of meaningful activities, attracting a large number of students to participate.

The thank you card design contest organized by the Faculty of Foreign Languages has gained many beautiful and wholehearted artworks from both individuals and groups of students in the faculty. Those cards were all

sent to the teachers. In addition, the NTU Youth Union also held a students' writing contest for students to show their gratitude to teachers. The competition attracted about 50 writings.

Furthermore, numerous cultural, artistic and sports events with theme "Thank you Teachers" were organized. Some faculties also carried out workshops to connect students with teachers and businesses.

## RECRUITMENT DAY 2020

On October 16, 2020, NTU held a Recruitment Day 2020, attracting more than 1000 students. This year, the event welcomed 11 businesses in different fields, with businesses operating in the fishery sector attracted more students.

This is an annual activity organized by NTU to support new bachelors, engineers in seeking good jobs after graduation and introduce undergraduate students to internship opportunities in enterprises. Recruitment Day 2020 successfully connected students and businesses, thereby providing many job opportunities for students, meeting the needs of qualified human resources for businesses.





The second International Conference on Materials, Machines, and Methods for Sustainable Development was held at NTU on November 13-15, 2020. Nearly 170 national and international experts attended. The event is hosted by the Vietnam Association of Science Editing (VASE) in collaboration with Hanoi University of Science and Technology (HUST), Nha Trang University (NTU), Kyungpook National University (KNU-Korea), Nagaoka University of Technology (NUT-Japan), Vietnam Federation of Mechanical Engineering Associations (VFMEA) and Council of Asian Science Editors (CASE).

More than 300 scientific papers were reported, covering these topics: Advanced materials, material applications towards sustainability, materials machining and processing technologies for the reduction of environmental

## THE SECOND INTERNATIONAL WORKSHOP ON MATERIALS, MACHINERY, AND METHODS FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT (MMMS 2020)

impact, life cycle engineering, impact assessment and control for machines and processes, sustainable machine design: mechatronics, CAD/CAM/CAE, maritime engineering, industrial engineering towards sustainability, low carbon industry, efficient systems, energy efficiency, and energy-saving, renewable energy, alternative fuels, medical equipment, biomechanics, and biomedical engineering, isolating virus equipment.

The purpose of the conference is to explore critical aspects which contributed to sustainable development, especially materials, machines, and methods. From such understanding, the conference aims at an overall approach to assist policymakers, industries, and researchers at various levels to position the local technological development towards sustainable development in the global context.

## THE 56<sup>th</sup> CONFERENCE OF SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY CLUB OF TECHNICAL UNIVERSITIES

The 56<sup>th</sup> Conference of Science and Technology Club of Technical Universities took place at NTU on December 4 and 5, 2020. Attending the conference were more than 200 delegates from member schools of the Science and Technology Club of Technical Universities, representatives from local authorities and the Ministry of Education & Training. This year, the conference covered the topic "The role of Technical Universities in developing marine science and technology in Khanh Hoa and other south-central coastal provinces". The conference aimed at strengthening the close-knit

relationship between members of the network and provinces/cities in the country.

At the conference, 80 scientific reports were presented, discussing six topics related to science and techniques applications in marine science; marine biodiversity and conservation; aquaculture and marine resources; marine bioactive substances and technology; marine environment and remote

sensing; marine tourism and services. On this occasion, NTU also held an exhibition to share the university's research and technology transfer achievements for the marine economy development and a visit to the Institute of Shipbuilding, NTU.



## 16 STUDENTS GRADUATED THE INTERNATIONAL MASTER'S PROGRAMS AT NTU



On October 4, 2020, NTU held the commencement ceremony for 16 students from Nigeria, Uganda, Rwanda, Liberia, Kenya, Burundi, Togo and Vietnam who studied in the International Master's programs in Food Technology (the training program was conducted within the framework of VLIR Network Vietnam, cooperated with Vietnamese and Belgian partners) and Business Administration and Tourism (cooperated with AUF partners).

*The International Master's program in Food Technology was taught in English by the lecturers of Can Tho University, Viet Nam National University of Agriculture, University of Agriculture and Forestry (Hue University) and Nha Trang University. The International Master's program in Business Administration and Tourism is a part in the chain of bachelor - master - doctoral training of the bilingual French - Vietnamese program of Faculty of Economics, NTU.*

## CONSULATE GENERAL OF JAPAN IN HO CHI MINH CITY SHARES INFORMATION ABOUT SCHOLARSHIPS TO STUDY IN JAPAN



On December 4, 2020, the delegation from Japan Consulate General in Ho Chi Minh City had a meeting with NTU. At the meeting, they listened to the strengths of NTU in research as well as the projects in collaboration with Japan partners, as well as NTU's goodwill in collaborating with Japanese partners in the future. The Japan Consulate General agreed that NTU can promote the strengths to cooperate with Japanese partners, especially in the field of fisheries, tuna fishing and processing.

The delegation held an information session to share about Japanese scholarships for 100 students. As the result, the students learnt about general information and education in Japan, useful information about the Japanese Government's scholarships, application process, experiences of studying in Japan, etc.

As signed MoU, SSI Securities Joint Stock Company - Nha Trang Branch will receive students from NTU to do internships and theses. The company also participates in the council to guide and evaluate the interns, and attend seminars, sharing sessions to help students adapt to working environment. Moreover, it is also a good opportunity for SSI to interview and recruit potential interns/ graduates to take up positions at the enterprise.

Besides, the company will help organize a free professional skills-building course for students from Faculty of Accounting – Finance on securities and financial investment, supporting students in approaching the IWIN mock stock trading system. Furthermore, NTU and SSI Securities Joint Stock Company - Nha Trang Branch will jointly organize community activities, professional activities, and other skill training courses.

## SIGNING COOPERATION AGREEMENT WITH SSI SECURITIES JOINT STOCK COMPANY - NHA TRANG BRANCH

*On October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020, a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) was signed between NTU and SSI Securities Joint Stock Company - Nha Trang Branch to develop cooperation activities and promote apprenticeships and internships for students.*



## SHARING INFORMATION ABOUT STUDYING IN FRANCE FOR STUDENTS

*On December 10, 2020, Mr. Christophe Legris – French Cooperation Attache, Consulate General of France in Ho Chi Minh City and Mrs. Nguyen Ngoc Han – Director of Campus France office in Ho Chi Minh City visited and shared information about studying in France for more than 100 students, especially the students who are studying French – Vietnamese bilingual program.*

At the meeting, the delegation from French Institute of Vietnam, HCMC branch (IF HCMV) introduced students with information about types of scholarships, application process, financial supports, interviews and the experiences of studying in France. They also introduced

general information about the country, people, culture and education in France. On this occasion, the delegation also learnt about French program at NTU, thereby giving advice on cooperation activities between the two parties in the future.

## MEETING WITH DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND TRAINING OF KHANH HOA PROVINCE AND PHU YEN PROVINCE

In December 2020, NTU had a meeting with Phu Yen Department of Education and Training (on December 4) and Khanh Hoa Department of Education and Training (on December 8) to strengthen collaboration in education and training.

The representatives of both departments commented on the effective cooperation between NTU and the two departments over years. The two departments agreed to collaborate with NTU in co-organizing competitions, career counseling for high school students, sharing computing knowledge via a free online system, digitalizing the data of high schools' libraries, sharing NTU's digital libraries resources and other activities.





## MORE THAN 1,500 STUDENTS GRADUATED IN 2020

*On October 13, 14, 15, 2020 NTU formally organized the Graduation Ceremony 2020 for over 1,500 undergraduate students (Cohorts 58 and 59).*

NTU awarded degrees to students from different Faculties namely Faculty of Mechanical Engineering, Faculty of Food Technology, Faculty of Information Technology, Faculty of Transportation Engineering, Faculty of Electrical and Electronic Engineering, Faculty of Tourism, Faculty of Economics, Faculty of Civil Engineering, Faculty of Foreign Languages, Faculty of Accounting and Finance and other Institutes such as: Biotechnology and

Environment, Marine Science and Fishing Technology, Aquaculture.

The percentage of graduated bachelors/engineers was 71.2%, with five Excellents, 112 Goods (8.5%); 1119 Fairs (85.6%). At the ceremony, NTU honored and rewarded 117 graduates with good academic performance, including two early-graduated students from Cohort 59.

## NTU HAS TWO MORE DOCTORAL PROGRAMS

NTU got approval Decision from The Ministry of Education and Training (MOET) to offer two more doctoral programs in Food Technology and Business Administration. As the result, NTU now has eight doctoral training programs, including Aquaculture, Naval Architecture & Marine Engineering, Marine Power Engineering, Fishing Technology, Aquatic Products Technology, Postharvest Technology, Food Technology, and Business Administration.

## TRAINING COURSE ON LEAN MANUFACTURING METHODOLOGY AND 5S PRACTICE IN AQUATIC ENTERPRISES FOR STUDENTS

*On October 8-9, 2020, NTU coordinated with Vietnam National Productivity Institute (VNPI) to organize a training course on "LEAN manufacturing methodology and 5S Practice in aquatic companies".*

The course focused on guiding students through LEAN methodology and 5S practice. The course helped the students identify seven basic wastes in production, then take a fresh approach to resource optimization tools of LEAN such as 5S, Kanban, production balancing, mistake proofing, standardization, and value stream mapping (VSM). Regarding 5S (Sort, Set in order, Shine, Standardize, Sustain), VNPI experts indicated the essential role of 5S

practice and implementation steps in various departments of a business. Besides, these experts also shared with the students their hands-on experiences of applying LEAN and 5S in production to considerably boost productivity in enterprises.

## MANY CREATIVE IDEAS PRESENTED IN THE *Final of the Startup Ideas Competition*

Topic of the competition this year was “Solutions for socio-economic recovery after Covid-19 pandemic”. Through preliminary and semi-final rounds, the Organization Committee selected the eight best projects among 20 ones to come to the final competition. These projects are: supplemental nutrition drinks made from cordyceps; handmade soap; English listening skill improvement mobile app; hare raising in semi-natural habitat; rescuing seafood E-commerce solution; application of automation in whiteleg shrimp farming; production of organic fertilizers from biodegradable and kitchen waste, the application of “5 No” strategy for organic gardening; and 4.0 fashion smart application...

The project “Supplemental nutrition drinks made from cordyceps” was named the winner while the “Handmade soap” project was announced the runner-up of the competition. The two projects “Application of automation in whiteleg shrimp farming” and “Production of organic fertilizers from biodegradable and kitchen waste, the application of “5 No” strategy for organic gardening”

ranked third while the consolation prizes belonged to “English listening skill improvement mobile app” and “Rescuing seafood E-commerce solution” projects. The prizes were VND 25 million, VND 15 million, VND 5 million worth for the first, second and third ranks respectively, and they also got certificates of merit from NTU’s Rector.

The project “Supplemental nutrition drinks made from cordyceps” was one of the most 15 outstanding projects in the 2nd stage of the final round of the National Startup Day for Students 2020 organized by the Ministry of Education and Training in December this year.



## NTU-LOGITIKAS TEAM WON THE CONSOLATION PRIZE AND THE MOST POPULAR TEAM IN VIET NAM YOUNG LOGISTICS TALENTS 2020 CONTEST

*The VYLT 2020 was co-organized by the Agency of Foreign Trade - Ministry of Industry and Trade and the Vietnam Logistics Training Network for the students nationwide. This contest aims to find out innovative ideas as well as to raise people’s awareness about the importance of logistics development in Vietnam.*

NTU-LOGITIKAS team from the Faculty of Economics and their project “Applying the cold chain solutions to tuna products in Khanh Hoa province.” - was one of the 12 best teams participating in the final round of the Viet Nam Young Logistics Talents 2020 (VYLT 2020) held on December 6, 2020 at University of Commerce (Hanoi).

Through many exciting and thrilling rounds, NTU-LOGITIKAS team won the consolation prize and the most popular team prize thanks to the special impression that the team has brought to the judges and the audience. The winner was VTLOG20 team from University of Transport and Communications (HCMC).





Surpassing 140 teams nationwide, four students of the SMVQ-K team from the Faculty of Economics excellently won the second prize in the final round of ERP Simulation Games 2020 taking place on November 22, 2020 at University of Economics and Law (UEL). 4A.M team of the Faculty of Accounting – Auditing of UEL won the first prize and the third prize belonged to Ups team of UEL.

By joining in the ERP Simulation Games UEL 2020, the participants had a chance to attend the short-term course “Introduction to SAP S/4 HANA & ERPSIM” and also received a certificate from the organization units after finishing the course.

*The ERP Simulation Games UEL 2020 contest was held and sponsored by the partners from Singapore, Canada, Australia and Vietnam, including SAP UA APJ region (Singapore); Victoria University (Melbourne, Australia); ERPsim Lab – HEC Montreal (Canada); SAP Vietnam; ABEO Vietnam. This was an academic contest that allowed the participants to experience the lifelike procedures and business strategies at the enterprises. Furthermore, they were able to perform the roles of a leader such as forecasting and decision-making or business-conducting like purchasing, sales, production, accounting, information management, etc.*

## NTU'S STUDENTS WON SECOND PRIZE IN ENTERPRISE RESOURCE PLANNING (ERP) SIMULATION GAMES 2020



## NTU'S STUDENTS WON POTENTIAL PRIZE IN FISHERIES INNOVATION CHALLENGE 2020

Digital Log – a project designed for the fishermen by a group of students from Institute for Marine Science and Fishing Technology was one of four potential prizes at the final round of Fisheries Innovation Challenge 2020 in December.

Through the preliminary round, the Organization Committee selected the nine best projects among 19 ones to enter the final competition. NTU had two teams selected for final round, one from Institute for Marine Science and Fishing Technology and another from Faculty of Food Technology, which undertakes project “Digital Log” and “Developing methods of producing instant seafood products by herbal smoking” respectively.

*Fisheries Innovation Challenge 2020 was organized by Ba Ria-Vung Tau Department of Science and Technology. This contest aimed to seek and develop potential innovative solutions to solve problems in the supply chain of the fisheries and seafood processing. These solutions can be developed into products or start-up projects or technology solutions.*



## LAOS STUDENTS RETURN TO SCHOOL AFTER QUARANTINE PERIOD

24 Laos students finished their quarantine period and returned to NTU. They are students from neighboring provinces in Laos (Champasak and Attapu), who got scholarships of the People's Committee of Khanh Hoa. These students are studying in the fields of Business Administration, Tourism Administration, Commercial Business, Accounting, Auditing, Information Technology, Electrical and Electronic Engineering and Automobile

Engineering. Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, 24 students could not return to Vietnam after the Lunar New Year in January 2020. To ensure their study progress during in Lao, the University hold virtual classes for Laos students. In the coming time, lecturers will teach extra courses to help these students keep up with the curriculum.

### "RING THE GOLDEN BELL" CONTEST on "A JOURNEY TOWARD A ZERO PLASTIC WASTE ENVIRONMENT"

The contest was organized at NTU with the participation of 150 teams and audiences.

Through Round 1 – Knowledge and Round 2 – Elocution Competition, all teams showed their knowledge and viewpoints on environmental issues, environmental awareness and plastic waste reduction. The prizes were VND 2.5 million, VND 1.5 million, VND 1 million and VND 500 thousand worth for the first, second, third ranks and consolation prizes respectively. Besides, all teams received certificates of merit from the Organizing Committee.

### ESTABLISHMENT OF THE VIETNAM EMPLOYABILITY AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP SUPPORT

On October 29 and 30, 2020, the delegation from NTU led by Dr. Khong Trung Thang - Chairman of the University Council participated in the signing and launching ceremony of the Vietnam Employability and Entrepreneurship Support Network (VEES-Net) in Hanoi.

VEES-NET is a collaborative network that promotes cooperation between Vietnamese universities on employability and entrepreneurship issues for students. This is the first network in Vietnam established from the close cooperation of eight leading universities in Vietnam under the project "Strengthening the Vietnamese Higher Education System to improve graduates' employability and entrepreneurship skills" (V2WORK) of the Erasmus+ Program funded by the European Commission.

## THE SCIENCE-TECHNOLOGY COMPETITION FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS IN KHANH HOA 2020-2021 AY HELD AT NTU

The Science-Technology Competition for high school students in Khanh Hoa held at NTU attracted 35 schools with 148 projects in 14 different fields.

After many competition rounds, six first prizes were awarded to six outstanding projects. The two best projects "Software to identify and provide

scientific information of plants – The Plantae" (Ly Tu Trong High School, Nha Trang) and "Robot for rescue and transportation" (iSchool High School, Nha Trang) were selected to compete in national round held by the Ministry of Education and Training. On this occasion, NTU also gave a lot of gifts to students having good projects to encourage them to continue to do research.

# HIGHLIGHTS OF 2020



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**THE FIRST EVER VIRTUAL CLASSES IN THE WHOLE UNIVERSITY**

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**A 8 BILLION FINANCIAL SUPPORT PACKAGE WAS GIVEN TO STUDENTS AFFECTED BY THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC**

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**OVER 80 AUTOMATIC HAND SANITIZER DISPENSERS MADE BY NTU WERE GIVEN TO SCHOOLS, HOSPITALS AND ORGANIZATIONS IN KHANH HOA AND PHU YEN**

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**DONATING 300.000.000VND TO SCHOOLS IN QUANG BINH AND QUANG TRI PROVINCES WHICH WERE BADLY AFFECTED BY THE HISTORIC FLOODS.**

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**THE UNIVERSITY COUNCIL ESTABLISHED WITH 19 MEMBERS**

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**THE SUCCESSFUL 21ST CONFERENCE OF PARTY COMMITTEE OF NHA TRANG UNIVERSITY**

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HIGHLIGHTS 2020

**TWO MORE TRAINING PROGRAMS ACHIEVED ACCREDITATION**

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**BLOOMING OF STUDENTS' START UP PROJECTS**

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**ADVANCED PROGRAM IN ACCOUNTING AND TWO NEW DOCTORAL PROGRAMS**

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HIGHLIGHTS 2020

**INVESTING AND UPGRADING FACILITIES TO BETTER SERVE THE UNIVERSITY'S OPERATION**

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HIGHLIGHTS 2020

**83 SCIENTIFIC ARTICLES PUBLISHED IN INTERNATIONAL JOURNALS IN MANY FIELDS**

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HIGHLIGHTS 2020

**MANY SPORTS TOURNAMENTS SUCH AS FUTSAL HDBANK NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP 2020, 7-PERSON SOCCER TOURNAMENT ... TOOK PLACE AT THE UNIVERSITY**

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