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January 11, 2017: The leaders of NTU discussed the objectives of cooperation with the delegation from Aarhus University (AU) and the National Institute of Aquatic Resources (DTU Aqua) (Denmark).

During the meeting, the NTU representatives made known the institution's strengths and potentials in fisheries (for example, aquaculture, processing, and fishing technology), biotechnology, environmental studies, marine ecology, and climate change. In response, the visiting delegation made known their involvement in relevant research areas such as the effects of climate change on sea creatures, investigations into fish ecology, and the effects of mining chemicals on sea creatures.

Based on these strengths and potential, the parties discussed the possibility of a research project on the impact of climate change on plankton (focusing on copepods) in Vietnam, exchanging faculty members and students, and organizing joint short-term courses.

Establishing a Partnership with Aarhus University and the National Institute of Aquatic Resources, Denmark



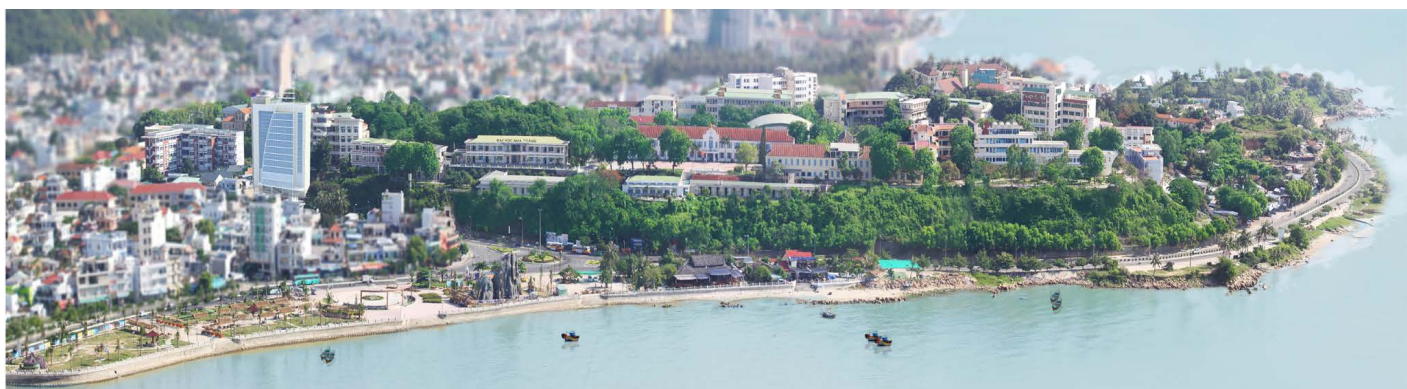
Seminar on Fisheries with the University of Akureyri - Iceland

February 14, 2017: Prof. Ogmundur Knutsson of the University of Akureyri (Iceland) presented a seminar on the subject of "Evolution of the Icelandic fish industry from harvesting to marketing driven value chain" with following foci:

Development of the Icelandic fish industry from 1980 until now; experience in fishing technology, processing, and quality management in order to improve the value of the fish industry; Icelandic aquatic resources management system. Challenges of the Icelandic fish industry and solutions; Experience of Iceland in improving the value of fisheries products from harvesting to marketing; especially, experience in improving product quality in relation to the value chain in order to meet the needs of the market.



Previously, Prof. Ogmundur Knutsson discussed with Dr. Khong Trung Thang, Vice-Rector of NTU, the possibility of mutual cooperation in training, research, and faculty and student exchange. Both parties agreed to sign an MoU for the first step, which provides the legal basis to carry out detailed cooperation activities in the future.



February 20, 2017: H.E. Vitezslav Grepl, Ambassador of the Czech Republic in Vietnam, visited Nha Trang University. Rector Trang Si Trung expressed the wish to continue receive support from the Embassy to carry out more cooperation with Technical University of Liberec (TUL), and the Jan Evangelista Purkyně University (UJEP) in training, research, and faculty and student exchange.

H.E. Vitezslav Grepl appreciated the results of partnerships between NTU and Czech universities, and pledged to continue to support NTU in the near future, to facilitate students in getting visas for study abroad.

Recently, NTU has cooperated with Czech universities such as with TUL, which has resulted in the training of eight doctoral fellows, as well as more than 120 master's degree students and engineers. Facilitated by UJEP, under the Erasmus+ Program, six faculty members and eight students have been sent to the Czech Republic for teaching and studies.

Working with the Czech Ambassador in Vietnam



Strengthening Cooperation with Australia



Meeting with Consul General

January 13, 2017: Mrs. Karen Lanyon, Consul General in Ho Chi Minh City, and her colleagues visited and discussed a cooperative partnership with NTU's leaders. At the meeting, both parties summed up what had been achieved by cooperation during recent years.

Mrs. Lanyon especially appreciated the active cooperation of NTU, as well as the encouraging results in training and research. She strongly agreed with the NTU leaders' viewpoints on the future direction of cooperation, which will focus on training, research, faculty and student exchange. The Australian Government will continue to send volunteer teachers to teach English at the University, and to create supportive programs for female teachers to study further.

Meeting with the Northern Territory Government

March 3, 2017: Mr. Jeff Stewart, Executive Director of Department of Trade, Business and Innovation, Northern Territory Government, Australia and his delegation paid a working visit to NTU.

The meeting focused on promoting cooperation in related fields such as tourism management, the environment, attracting volunteer teachers and specialists (including overseas Vietnamese) to NTU and organizing short courses for Australian students.





Second, establish and use specialized sea-culture data and documents: cooperate to compile and translate books on advanced sea-culture technology; collaborate to compile an English-Vietnamese Dictionary on Sea-culture and a Vietnamese Encyclopedia Dictionary on Sea-culture.

Third, arrange seminars, conferences, and the promotion of marine aquaculture: co-organize the International Exposition on Sea-Culture Production and Trading; coordinate to provide content for broadcasts on Vietnam Television (VTV), Voice of Vietnam (VOV), and appropriate mass media.

VSA was established on September 23, 2016, a social-professional organization that represents and protects the legal rights of the community and the association members, connects the activities of its members and international partners, contributing to promoting the sustainable development of value-added seafood chains, enhancing the value and competitiveness of seaculture products in Vietnam.

MoU Signing Ceremony with Vietnam Sea-culture Association

March 10, 2017: The MoU signing ceremony between Nha Trang University (NTU) and the Vietnam Sea-culture Association (VSA) was held with the participation of representatives of the two sides. The MoU focuses on following main contents:

First, cooperate to build industrial sea-culture models: research and develop models to apply the recirculating aquaculture systems (RAS) to sea-culture; and develop advanced technology for marine fisheries and marine specialties at industrial scale near islands and archipelagoes.



MoU Signing Ceremony with Tien Phong Commercial Joint Stock Bank

January 12, 2017: an Memorandum of Understanding between Nha Trang University (NTU) and Tien Phong Commercial Joint Stock Bank (TPBank) - Nha Trang Branch - was signed with the following contents:

Offering scholarships: TPBank offers scholarships to poor but deserving students (the scholarship fund is 40,000,000 VND per year)

Community activities and other services: TPBank offers NTU 60,000,000 VND per year to organize extra-curricular activities to enhance students' soft skills and employability skills. NTU supports TPBank in extending services to employees and students.

Training: annually, NTU facilitates TPBank to meet and interview students for internship or employment; invites senior officers and managers of the bank to share their experience or give career guidance to students at seminars and forums. At the same time, TPBank will receive NTU students for internship and implementation of their theses; and assign their staff to participate in evaluation committees of student internship.

French - Vietnamese Bilingual Bachelor's Program Achieves Outstanding Results



In addition, on March 14, 2017 the Faculty of Economics opened a Francophone tea and cake shop. This is a French space, supported and funded by the French - Vietnamese Cultural Association, the French Embassy and Nha Trang University on the occasion of the International Day of Francophonie (March 20, 1970-2017). The shop creates a French-speaking environment for students and lecturers through such activities as introduction of the culture, tourism and overseas study in France. It provides a good place for students in bilingual program to practise their professional skills. Further, it provides a place for French and Vietnamese people to learn and exchange the culture of two nations as well as promote the image of the university French language programs.

December 26, 2016: a successful meeting was held to make a preliminary review of the French - Vietnamese Bilingual Bachelor's Program in Business and Tourism Management. The program has achieved positive results: there were four co-horts with 55 students, and AUF supported NTU by funding training courses for lecturers and offering 11 scholarships for students in taking DELF B1 test.

On the same day, NTU held a forum to discuss the bilingual program in Business and Tourism Management. The following matters were discussed: program overview, enrolment information, opportunities for scholarships to study in France for two years, career opportunities after graduation. At the forum, the representatives of AUF and NTU gave 15 scholarships to poor but deserving students with good results (five scholarships are worth 6.6 million VND each; ten are worth 3.3 million VND each).



Opening the First Japanese Class for Students at NTU



March 15, 2017: With the support of the Japanese Language Training Association for non-Chinese speaking nations (JLAN), the first Japanese language class at NTU started with about 60 students who are engaged in three-month study course.

Japanese is the fifth foreign language taught by the University, the others being English, French, Russian, and Chinese. With the variety of foreign languages now offered, students have more choices available, which will enable them to deepen their understanding of science, technology, and various cultures, thus creating favorable conditions for their career development and social integration after graduation.

In terms of the agreement, JLAN will send Japanese teachers, and will provide textbooks, as well as testing and assessment methods. Further, JLAN will supervise the Japanese Language Examination and other cultural exchange activities at NTU, and will provide one scholarship for students and one for teachers to take Japanese language courses in Japan.

Symposium on Information & Communication Technology - ICT 2016



December 30, 2016: Nha Trang University held a symposium on Information and Communication Technology - ICT 2016 with the participation of researchers from universities and colleges nationwide.

The symposium was held under the aegis of three sub-committees: information systems, computer science, and knowledge technology and communication network. There were more than 23 presentations. The reports outline the academic areas as well as the application of information technology such as natural language processing, web ontology language, applied mathematics, identification, security, and safe information security.

The success of ICT 2016 provides a foundation for the development of a larger scale and quality of subsequent symposiums at regional and national levels, attracting large numbers of international and domestic scientists.

ICT was founded by a consortium of Nha Trang University, the Telecommunications University, Khanh Hoa Department of Information and Communication, and Khanh Hoa Informatics Association. ICT is held every year as a forum for exchanging and sharing in-depth research results in information and communication technology.

2017 Vietnam-Korea Chemical Engineering Joint Symposium

February 20, 2017: Nha Trang University and Pusan National University, South Korea, jointly held a symposium on chemical engineering. More than 100 lecturers and students from both universities participated in the symposium.

The research results published by scientists at the symposium are urgent issues that are currently highly relevant and thus drew much attention from the participants.



Symposium on “Acquisition and Application of Value-added Products from Shrimp Waste”

March 15-16, 2017: In collaboration with Leibniz Institute of Polymer Research Dresden (IPF), Germany, Nha Trang University held a symposium on “Acquisition and application of value-added products from shrimp waste”. More than 50 international and domestic scientists attended the workshop.

24 reports on the research results of the science and technology mandate under the protocol “Research and production of valuable added product from shrimp waste for use agriculture” (the cooperation between Vietnam and Germany) were presented at the symposium.



The research results show that shrimp waste is a potential material source of high nutritive ingredients such as protein, astaxanthin, and chitin. Some types of chitosan have different molecular weights and degrees of diacetyl (DD) have been applied in a number of areas such as anti-bacteria, anti-fungus, and oxidation. In addition, chitosan salts and chitosan nano are produced for use in food preservation, while carotene-protein is supplemented to increase the nutritional content of salmon. With reference to the above-mentioned findings, the valuable ingredients of shrimp waste (carotene-protein and chitin/chitosan) are exploited to maximum effect, thus minimizing environmental pollution and raising the value of shrimp waste.



International Conference on Conservation Genetics in the Mekong River Basin

March 6-7, 2017: Nha Trang University collaborated with Can Tho University to host the International Conference on Conservation Genetics in Mekong River Basin (ICCGMRB 2017).

The Conference took place in Can Tho with the participation of experts from the United States, France, Norway, Cambodia, Thailand, and Laos, as well as local experts from institutes and university training in fisheries, as well as technical staff of Fisheries Branches and the Departments of Natural Resources and Environment of the Mekong Delta.

For the purpose of exchanging and sharing new research results on genetics in biodiversity conservation in the Mekong River Basin, the conference focused on the following main topics: genetics applied in natural resources management and biodiversity conservation; climate change and adaptation measures in the management and conservation of fisheries resources; ecology and risks to resources, biodiversity; and fisheries management.

The success of the conference has created a forum for researchers and managers to present and discuss existing issues, challenges and solutions that can be applied in the fields of biodiversity conservation and natural resources management in Mekong River Basin, as well as opening up opportunities for research cooperation between Vietnamese scientists and international partners.



Nha Trang University and the APEC Senior Officials' Meeting

According to a decision made at the Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) 2017 meeting, Nha Trang was the first place chosen to host the first APEC Senior Officials' Meeting (SOM1). As assigned by the Organizing Committee of SOM1, more than 100 NTU staff members and students were mobilized to support activities related to the meeting. Beside the training courses provided by the APEC Organizing Committee, NTU trained students on communication skills, foreign languages, regional culture, case management, team working skills, and work discipline, thereby helping students gain more knowledge to complete their tasks.



SOM1 took place in Nha Trang city, Khanh Hoa Province, from February 18 to March 3, 2017. It was the first official APEC 2017 meeting with nearly 2,000 delegates from 21 APEC member economies, as well as Pacific Economic Cooperation Council, APEC Business Advisory Council and other international and regional organizations. Being volunteers at the APEC 2017 meeting provided both an honor and an opportunity for students to improve their communication skills, foreign language competence, and practice in a highly disciplined professional working environment.



According to the organizing committee and the participants, SOM1 in Nha Trang was a success, with the volunteers and liaison officials of Nha Trang University making an important contribution to the promotion of beautiful, friendly and hospitable Nha Trang.

Information Session of the U.S. Study

February 21, 2017: the U.S. Consulate General in Ho Chi Minh City organized an information session about studying in the U.S. for faculty members and students. A lot of useful information was provided such as:

1. Study in the U.S. and Scholarship Opportunities: The consulate has information about the U.S. higher education system, such as five steps to study in the U.S., and financial aid and scholarships...
2. Fulbright Vietnamese Student Program and Fulbright Foreign Language Teaching Assistantship Program: The consul gave a brief history of the Fulbright Program, and described the Fulbright application and selection process, together with tips on preparing for the Fulbright application and interview...

The Fulbright program grants 20 to 25 scholarships to Vietnamese students every year.

There are about 20,000 Vietnamese students studying in the U.S., which makes Vietnam one of the leaders in that respect. These 20,000 students are a significant portion of the 130,000 Vietnamese students who are studying abroad.



Awards to Students on the 67th Anniversary of the Students' Day

January 8, 2017: the 67th Anniversary of the traditional Day of Students (9/01/1950 - 9/01/2017) was organized by the NTU's Students Association with the participation of representatives of Khanh Hoa's Students Association, NTU leaders, and more than 600 students.

Recognizing the contributions and effort of students during the period 2015-2016, the Khanh Hoa's Student Association awarded certificates of merit to four students and three classes.

On this occasion, the NTU's Students Association awarded 20 scholarships (total value is worth 40 million VND) to students who overcame difficulties to study well and actively participate in the activities of the Association. Scholarships are an encouragement for students to overcome difficult circumstances to get good results and to dedicate themselves to the work of the association.



Youth Union: Many Useful Activities Organized

March 11, 2017: the NTU Youth Union in collaboration with Khanh Hoa Red Cross Association organized a blood donation session with the message "Sharing a drop of blood - Giving hope". On this occasion, 384 units of blood were donated. They will be transferred to the Khanh Hoa Center for Hematology and Blood Transfusion, contributing to the blood supply for the emergencies and for the treatment of patients in hospitals in Khanh Hoa Province.

March 12, 2017: with the support of Nha Trang Pasteur Institute, a training course on new methods to prevention of dengue fever in terms of the project "Towards the elimination of dengue fever in Vietnam" by the National Institute of Hygiene and Epidemiology was held with the participation of nearly 1,000 students. At the training, Dr. Nguyen Binh Nguyen, field coordinator of the project, discussed the application of Aedes aegypti (which has Wolbachia virus) to prevent dengue fever. Inducing Wolbachia into mosquitoes will inhibit the multiplication of some viruses, including Dengue and Zika, which reduces or disables the transmission of the virus from mosquitoes to people.

After the training session, the students participated in cleaning the university campus, creating a clean environment and reducing the risk of dengue fever being transmitted by mosquitoes.



Groups of Pupils in Ninh Thuan Province and Nha Trang City Visit NTU

In order to introduce NTU's research and training activities to the community, NTU organized campus tours for groups of pupils and teachers of secondary schools and high schools in Nha Trang City and Ninh Thuan province.



On March 4, 2017, a group of pupils and teachers of Ton Duc Thang High School in Ninh Thuan Province visited NTU.

On March 12, 2017, more than 100 pupils and teachers from secondary schools in Nha Trang City paid a visit to Nha Trang University within the framework of the contest “Nha Trang: the future city”. During the visit, pupils were introduced to the history of NTU, programs and levels of training, the 2017 enrollment plan, scholarship opportunities, and job opportunities after graduation. At the same time, the pupils visited the Museum of Aquatic Animals and the Historical Museum. They also exchanged experience with students regarding student life.



Nha Trang University is a multi-disciplinary public university and a leading training institution in the fisheries sector. It is also among the first 20 universities of Vietnam that were accredited by the Ministry of Education and Training and among the top 15 universities that have the most beautiful “green” campuses. For these reasons, a campus tour of the university provides a lot of interesting experiences and helps the pupils have a clear orientation for selecting of suitable professions in the future.



279 Gifts Were Offered to Disadvantaged Families in Giang Ly Commune and 78 Gifts Were Offered to Households Affected by Fire in Nhat Tri Islet, Vinh Phuoc Ward

January 13, 2017: A NTU delegation visited poor households of Giang Ly commune, Khanh Vinh district, on the occasion of the Tet holiday. 279 gifts with a total value of over 45 million VND were offered to households there. The gifts included rice, fish sauce, and sugar. Giang Ly is a mountainous commune of Khanh Vinh district with many ethnic groups such as Kinh, Rag Lai, and E De. The commune has 350 households, of which 279 are poor and near poor. Sympathizing with the difficulties that poor people

face, NTU annually visits and gives gifts to them when the new year approaches.

January 23, 2017: The NTU's Women Union visited and offered 78 gifts that included milk, canned fish, fish sauce, and instant noodles to households in Nhat Tri islet whose houses suffered from fire on the night of January 17, 2017. The fire badly affected 78 houses and more than 400 persons, most of whom were left in difficult circumstances.



Free Buses Bring Students Home for Tet Holiday

For Tet, Nha Trang University arranged eight free buses to take 320 students home to central provinces, from Phu Yen to Da Nang, where there had been severe damage due to floods and other natural disasters.

Student Phan Thi Le Quyen (K56 cohort in fishery processing technology) represented 320 students who expressed their gratitude to the university and businesses for sponsoring the bus trips for students to return home to welcome New Year with their families.

Businesses such as Long Sinh Co., Ltd, Tien Phong Commercial Joint Stock Bank, and Khanh Hoa Salanganes Nest Company, as well as NTU staff members had made contributions to the cost of hiring the buses, which amounted to more than 100 million VND.



Chairman of Khanh Hoa People's Committee Visited and Wished Happy New Year

February 2, 2017: Mr. Le Duc Vinh, Deputy Secretary of the Khanh Hoa Communist Party and Chairman of Khanh Hoa People's Committee, paid a visit and expressed good wishes for the New Year to Nha Trang University's staff and students.

Rector Trang Si Trung reported the outstanding results that the university had achieved during 2016, and described the work plan for 2017. He expressed determination to implement effectively the directions that were laid out by the Khanh Hoa Communist Party and People's Committee.



Mr. Le Duc Vinh acknowledged the efforts and achievements of the University in 2016, and described Nha Trang University as a large, well-known university in the South Central and Central Highlands. He said that during recent years, the University has provided human resources that have contributed significantly to the socio-economic development of Khanh Hoa and neighboring provinces. He suggested that the university should pay more attention to improving the quality and efficiency of scientific research and technology transfer, as well as training, especially in fisheries and tourism majors which are the strength of the province. In addition, he favored expanding international cooperation, in order to contribute to the successful implementation of the plan to make Khanh Hoa province to become the leading socio-economic center of the Coastal South Central and a municipality by 2025.

International Women's Day on March 8th

March 8, 2017: On the occasion of the 107th Anniversary of International Women's Day (08/3/1910 - 08/3/2017), NTU's Labor Union held a talk that was attended by all female staff.

Speaking at the seminar, the NTU leader congratulated, appreciated and thanked female employees for their contributions over many years to the activities of the union in particular and the university in general. He hoped that all female staffs would continue to promote the tradition of the university, teaching creatively and doing research, as well as participating in more social activities, thereby promoting the comprehensive development of the University.

At the seminar, the staff discussed the topic "Simple Happiness" with Mr. Nguyen Manh Than, member of the Executive Board of the Khanh Hoa Association of Education and Psychology Science.



UPCOMING EVENTS

1. - 2017 Experience NTU Programs (April and May, 2017)
2. Graduation Ceremony of NORHED program (Cohort 1) and Opening Ceremony (Cohort 3) (June, 2017)
3. Symposium on Vietnam curriculum framework and higher education program development (June, 2017)