

Colloquium on Canada-Vietnam Cooperation in Higher Education & Research

Program Agenda

(Updated, December 8, 2009)

Conference Venue:

Vietnam National University – HCMC
Dai Hoc Quoc Gia Viet Nam TP. HCM
Phong 512, Nha dieu hanh
Khu pho 6, Linh Trung, Thu Duc, Thanh pho Ho Chi Minh

Contact: Mr. Le Van Hinh
Cell phone: (84) 9 08 33 21 20

Day 1: December 18, 2009

- 7:00 – 8:00 am: Registration & Light Breakfast
- 8:00 – 8:15 am: Opening Address – The Honourable Deanna Horton, Ambassador of Canada in Vietnam
- Opening Remarks - Dr. Phan Thanh Binh, President of Vietnam National University – Ho Chi Minh City
- Colloquium Co-Chair: Dr. Vo-Van Truong, President, Canada-Vietnam Education Network/Réseau d'éducation Canada-Vietnam; Professor and Chair of Physics, Concordia University, Canada
- 8:15 – 8:45 am: Presentation 1: Dr. Le Quang Minh, Vice-President, Vietnam National University, Ho Chi Minh City, Viet Nam and Colloquium Co-Chair “The Vietnamese Higher Education System: Present Situation, Challenges and New Opportunities”
- 8:45 – 9:15 am: Presentation 2: Mr. Jason LaTorre, Senior Trade Commissioner, Consulate General of Canada in Ho Chi Minh City, "The Canadian Government's Education Campaign in Vietnam: Strengthening Ties and Achieving Results"
- 9:15 – 9:45 am: Presentation 3: Ms. Ghada Soufan, Manager, ProCare Services Canada and Mr. Walid Madhoun, Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada, “Higher Education Contributions and their Implications in Economic Development: the AUCC Experience in Collaborative Projects with a Few Countries”
- 9:45 – 10:00 am: Coffee & Tea Break
- 10:00 – 11:30 pm: Discussion Panel 1: “Past and Current Cooperation Projects Between Canada and Vietnam: Lessons Learned and Ideas for the Future”

Panelists:

Dr. Lan Gien, Professor of nursing, Memorial University of Newfoundland, Canada, “Past Cooperation and New Avenues for Continued Collaboration in Health Sciences between Vietnamese and Canadian Universities”

Dr. Vuong Thanh Son, Professor of Computer Science, University of British Columbia, BC, Canada, “Opportunities for Collaborative Projects in Computer Science and Engineering”

Dr. Le-Quoc Sinh, former Scientific Director & Executive Director, Institut national de la recherche scientifique, Québec, Canada, "Integrated Partnership Model for the Development of Scientific Research and Highly Qualified Personnel"

Moderator: Mr. Richard Fuchs, Regional Director, International Development Research Centre - Canada, Singapore Office

- 11:45 – 1:15 pm: Lunch**
- 1:30 – 2:00 pm: Presentation 4: Ms. Ton Nu Thi Ninh, President of the Founding Committee of Tri Viet University, Ho Chi Minh City, Viet Nam, “The Challenges of Creating a Vietnamese-Owned Private International University”**
- 2:00 – 2:30 pm: Presentation 5: Professor Truong Huu Chi, Group Chairman, Institute for Machinery and Industrial Instruments (IMI) Holding, Ha Noi, Viet Nam, "R & D, Training and Technology Production at the IMI Holding: Realizations so far and Plans for the Future"**
- 2:30 – 3:00 pm: Presentation 6: Dr. Nguyen Van Trung, Professor of Chemical & Petroleum Engineering, University of Kansas, USA, "The roles of the Government and the Private Sector in Higher Education and Research"**
- 3:00 – 3:15 pm: Coffee and Tea Break**
- 3:15 – 4:45 pm: Discussion Panel 2: “Potential Contributions from Overseas Vietnamese Scholars and Experts and Government Policy for Attracting Overseas Experts”**

Panelists:

Mr. Pham Tham, Ho Chi Minh City Committee for Overseas Vietnamese, “Policy for Attracting Overseas Vietnamese Experts and Intellectuals”

Dr. Vo Van Toi, former Executive Director - Vietnam Education Foundation, US; Chair of Biomedical Engineering Department – International University – VNU-HCM City, “A Returnee’s Point of View”

Dr. Vo Van Truong, President, Canada-Vietnam Education Network and Professor & Chair of Physics, Concordia University,

Canada, “Avenues for Cooperation between Overseas Vietnamese Scientists/Scholars and Vietnam in Education, Training and Research”

Moderator: Dr. Nguyen Van Trung, Professor of Chemical and Petroleum Engineering, Kansas University, USA

- 5:30 – 6:00 pm: Reception
- 6:00 – 8:00 pm: Colloquium Dinner

Day 2: December 19, 2009

- 7:00 – 8:00 am: Registration & Light Breakfast
- 8:00 – 8:15 am: **Opening Remarks:** The Honourable Nguyen Duc Hung, Ambassador of Vietnam to Canada
- Dr. Le Quang Minh, Vice-President, Vietnam National University – Ho Chi Minh City, Viet Nam; Colloquium Co-Chair
- Dr. Vo-Van Truong, President, Canada-Vietnam Education Network/Réseau d'éducation Canada-Vietnam, Colloquium Co-Chair; Professor and Chair of Physics, Concordia U., Canada
- 8:15 – 8:45 am: **Presentation 7:** Mr. James Knight, President, Association of Canadian Community Colleges, “The ACCC Experience in Tra Vinh: the Development of the Travinh Community College and the Present Travinh University College”
- 8:45 – 9:15 am: **Presentation 8:** Ms. Le Thi Thanh My, Vice-President, Saigon High Tech Park, Viet Nam, “Urgent Needs for S&T Training in Saigon High-Tech Park, Ho Chi Minh City and Initial Responses to Requests by Industry”
- 9:15 – 9:45 am: **Presentation 9:** Mr. Serge Charron, Project Field Manager & Dr. Ann Letellier, Research Chair in Food Security, Université de Montréal, Québec, Canada "Food and Agricultural Products Quality Development and Control Project"
- 9:45 – 10:00 am: Coffee and Tea Break
- 10:15 – 11:45 am: **Discussion Panel 3:** “Training in Higher Education to Meet Industry Needs”

Panelists:

Dr. Han Le, Professor of Electrical and Computer Engineering, University of Houston, Texas, USA "High Skilled Work Force for Technology-Intensive Industry - a Case Focus: Optoelectronics"

Dr. Nguyen Huu Le, President and CEO -TMA Solutions, Ho Chi Minh City, Viet Nam “Training for the IT Industry – the TMA Solutions Approach”

Dr. Nguyen Thanh My, President & CEO – My Lan Chemicals, Tra Vinh, Viet Nam, “Training Programs in Synergy with Industrial Development or the Amazing Story of the Development of a High-Tech Sector in Travinh Province”

Moderator: Mr. Nguyen Huu Trung, consultant and former First Vice-President, Caisses Desjardins, Quebec, Canada)

- 11:45 – 1: 15 pm: Lunch**
- 1:30 – 2:00 pm: Presentation 10: Dr. Pierre Le Mire, Directeur, Bureau Asie-Pacifique, Agence universitaire de la francophonie (AUF) “The Many Facets of Collaboration with Francophone Countries in Higher Education and Research”**
- 2:00 – 2:30 pm: Presentation 11: Dr. Vo Van Toi, former Executive Director - Vietnam Education Foundation, US; Chair of Biomedical Engineering Department – International University – Vietnam National University – Ho Chi Minh City, “Lessons Learned from the Vietnam Education Foundation”**
- 2:30 – 3:00 pm: Presentation 12: Dr. Andrew Boghen, Former Associate Vice President for Research and Professor of Biology, Université de Moncton, New-Brunswick, Canada, “Potential Cooperation in Environmental Sciences and Sustainable Development”,**
- 3:00 – 3:15 pm: Coffee & Tea Break**
- 3:15 – 3:45 pm: Presentation 13: Dr. Patrick Cohendet, Professor of International Business, Hautes Études Commerciales (HEC), Montréal, Québec, Canada “Potential Joint Training Programs in International Business with HEC and Possible Linkage with the Vietnamese Diaspora in the Knowledge Industry”**
- 3:45 – 4:15 pm: Presentation 14: Dr. Truong Nguyen Thanh, Professor of Chemistry, University of Utah, USA, “Institute for Computational Science and Technology at Ho Chi Minh City -- A Model for Collaboration: Success, Challenges, and Opportunities”**
- 4:15 – 4:30 pm: Conference Wrap-Up and End of Session: Drs. Le Quang Minh and Vo-Van Truong**

Subsequent Days: Sightseeing Tours

Tour to Halong Bay or Tour in the Mekong Delta, according to your preference and availability. Other tours are also available.

For more information, please contact the local organizing committee (Vietnam National University – HCMC)