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FROM THE EDITORS



Our dear readers,

This first quarter of 2020 has gone by. Reflecting these 3 months, ULIS has successfully completed different tasks and organized numerous important events, including effective deployment of student recruitment communication and advisory activities of the University; successful organization of many major events, such as 2020 Job Fair and 2019 Year-end Conference; good implementation of security, order and fire prevention to ensure ULIS officials and lecturers received good care during the 2020 Lunar New Year; Completion of all the necessary tasks in preparation of the XIX Party Congress Party, etc.

The successful organization of these events is a sign of a promising year for ULIS. In the second quarter of 2020, the University has a number of important tasks which need to be performed well, such as prepare and organize the National Scientific Seminar with topic "Studying and Teaching Foreign Languages, Languages and International studies in Vietnam" online; continue to well implement the prevention of Covid-19 epidemic; develop 04 action programs to implement the Resolution of the XIX Party Congress Party; prepare the enrollment work at all levels.

On behalf of the Editorial Board, we wish you good health and a brilliant summer with our beloved ULIS.

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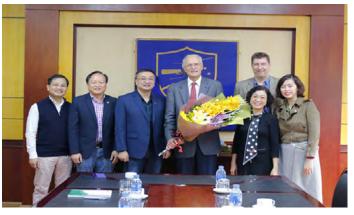
I/ PROMINENT ACTIVITIES OF ULIS LEADERS

1. Meeting with Mr. Brian Edwin Teel, REI's Vice President

On January 2nd, 2019, ULIS – VNU held the meeting to work with Mr. Brian Edwin Teel – Vice President of REI (Resource Exchange International) organization and Mrs. Tran Phuong Lien – Head of REI Representative Office in Vietnam

At the meeting, representatives of the two sides extended best wishes to each other on the occasion of the Lular New Year and discussed cooperation activities that had been and would be conducted.

President Do Tuan Minh thanked REI for facilitating many ULIS activities and expressed his desire to receive more support from the organization for ULIS. As a university specializing in foreign language training, ULIS always welcomes groups of international students to study and international experts to teach at the University.



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In particular, President Do Tuan Minh congratulated Mr. Brian Edwin Teel in the wake of his honor to be presented with the Award Medal of 'For the friendship and peace among nations' by the Vietnam Union of Friendship Organizations (VUFO), acknowledging his contributions to the healthcare and education in Vietnam.

2. President Do Tuan Minh met Ms. Martha Bigelow

On February 17th, 2020, President Do Tuan Minh had a meeting with Ms. Martha Bigelow, a specialist in the field of developing training programs from the US Embassy to Vietnam.



As a lecturer at the University of Minnesota, Ms. Martha Bigelow is the author and co-author of many books such as Critical reflections on research methods: Power and equity in complex multilingual contexts; Handbook of Educational Linguistics, Low Educated Second Language and Literacy and Acquisition; Mogadishu on the Mississippi: Language, racialized identity, and education in a new land; Literacy and second language oracy. She is an expert in the field of multicultural education, second language learning, disseminating learning experience of immigrant

teenagers, etc.

Through the U.S Embassy in Vietnam, Ms. Martha Bigelow has been supporting the development of course syllabi at ULIS since 2012. In the past years, she has also assisted the University in carrying out tasks of the National Foreign Language Project.

At the meeting, President Do Tuan Minh hoped that Ms. Martha Bigelow would continue to support the University in the development of international courses and fostering activities of the National Foreign Language Project.

II/ COOPERATION & DEVELOPMENT

1. Cooperation agreement with GSTM, Singapore signed

On January 2nd, 2020, ULIS-VNU held a signing ceremony of cooperation agreement with the Global School of Technology & Management (GSTM), Singapore.

At the ceremony, representatives of the two sides signed an official memorandum of understanding (MOU) for cooperation. The two sides agreed to cooperate in the fields of learning materials, research and cultural exchange.

Delivering his speech at the ceremony, President Do Tuan Minh emphasized the importance of experiencing and studying abroad for ULIS students. He hoped that specific cooperation programs between the two sides would bring students to the world, helping them to gain much knowledge and practical experience.

The signing ceremony of cooperation agreement with GSTM ended successfully. After that, representatives of the two schools discussed the realization of activities in the time to come.



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2. Cooperation agreement with the Department of International Relations and Francophonie of the State of Quebec (Canada) signed

On January 13th, 2020, ULIS – VNU held a signing ceremony of cooperation agreement with the Department of International Relations and Francophonie of State of Quebec (Canada) on the establishment of Québec Space at ULIS.



At the ceremony, representatives of the two sides signed an official memorandum of understanding (MOU), agreeing to open an office to provide information and introduction to the State of Québec called Espace Québec – Québec space on the ULIS campus. Vietnam Cultural Center of Canada in Montréal (CCV) is in charge of coordinating and organizing activities and events in this space. The Memorandum is valid for 2 years and has an automatic renewal clause.

Delivering his speech at the ceremony, President Do Tuan Minh affirmed that the University welcomed ideas for developing French language at ULIS. Therefore, the opening of Espace Québec received full support from the University.

The signing ceremony of the cooperation agreement between the Department of International Relations and Francophonie of the State of Quebec (Canada) and ULIS-VNU has opened up new opportunities to access French language and the country of Canada for ULIS students.

3. Promoting cooperation with Chengchi University, Taiwan

On January 13th, 2020, ULIS – VNU held a meeting with Ms. Rachel Juan, the Director of the Institute of Foreign Languages – Chengchi University (NCCU), Chinese Taipei.

At the meeting, the two sides discussed cooperation opportunities in such fields as research, training, student and lecturer exchange, summer camp organization, etc. This year, the two sides will continue to organize the summer camp for students from NCCU/Chinese Taipei to ULIS and vice versa. Other cooperation proposals were also shared and discussed.



The meeting with the representative of Chengchi University closed with many promises about more cooperation programs between the two sides in the future.

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4. Meeting with LGA Company and representative of McGraw Hill Publisher

On January 15th, 2020, ULIS – VNU held a meeting with LGA Company and representative of McGraw Hill Publishing House to discuss issues on scholarships and internship activities.



At the beginning of the meeting, Vice President Ngo Minh Thuy thanked LGA Company for participating in the 2020 Job Fair and awarding 50 scholarships to the University's students. The Vice President appreciated opportunities of potential cooperation with the Company.

Ms. Nguyen Minh Hang, LGA's representative, expressed her desire to welcome ULIS's students to study and do their internship at the Company and look forward to receiving them at the Company.

In addition, Ms. Tipparat Pantusilpakom had a presentation to introduce products of McGraw Hill Publishing House. The two sides then discussed other potential cooperative activities.

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III/ PROMINENT ACTIVITIES OF THE UNIVERSITY

1. 2019 year-end conference held

On January 16th, 2020, ULIS – VNU organized the 2019 year-end conference to reflect activities in the past year and look at the 2020 key task plan.

The year-end conference was organized in a smart, professional and friendly manner. President Do Tuan Minh gave a presentation on the 2019 Summary Report and the implementation of the 2020 key task plan.

Next, representatives of the Executive Board awarded the AUN certificate to fast-track program in English language for successfully completing the AUN-QA program assessment in 2019.



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2. Lunar New Year Meeting and core staff conference 2020 held

On January 30th, 2020, a delegation of VNU paid a visit to extend their wishes to all staff of ULIS on the occasion of the Lunar New Year.

On behalf of VNU delegation, Vice President Nguyen Hoang Hai extended his best wishes to the University. He was pleased with the achievements of ULIS over the past year.

President Do Tuan Minh affirmed that ULIS was always aware of the honor as a member of VNU and would continue to contribute to the overall development of VNU, the community and society.



Also on the day, the Lunar New Year meeting was held with the participation of all staff of the University to share the best wishes for a successful new year.



Key tasks in 2020

1. Politics and ideology: organizing the 19th Congress of the Party's cells of ULIS-VNU; developing action programs to implement the Congress's Resolutions; building a development Plan for ULIS - VNU in the period 2020 - 2025.

2. Training: continuing to implement the Project on renovating teaching activities at all levels; organizing effective training for fast-track programs at university level.

3. Students' affairs: continuing to implement the Project on renovation of practice, internship, and supplementary skill development for students of the University; operating the "One-stop" model to increase the level of support and service for students.

4. Science and Technology: deploying solutions to achieve the goals of the University's Science and Technology Development Strategy for the period of 2019-2025; giving priority to increasing the number and quality of appropriate scientific research.

5. Development cooperation: increasing the number of international students, foreign experts and lecturers; diversifying cooperation activities with ministries and agencies.

6. University administration & Facilities - Equipment: strengthening the effectiveness of legal affairs; implementing the Project on improving leadership and management capacity of managers at office, Faculty and center levels; continuing to implement the facilities and equipment plan of the University in the 2016-2021 period.

3. Seminar on ULIS Party Corps – 65 years of establishment and development

On February 3rd, 2020, a seminar was organized with the theme "The Party Corps of ULIS – VNU ~ 65 years of establishment and development". The event was held on the occasion of the 90th anniversary of the Communist Party of Vietnam in the run up to the 19th Party Congress of ULIS – VNU, tenure 2020-2025 with the presence of recent secretaries of ULIS Party Corps.

The seminar is an opportunity for the University Party Corps to look back on the 65-year history with many memorable milestones and proud achievements, especially in recent years.

At the seminar, all the secretaries shared their memories, challenges, advantages and changes over time of ULIS Party Corps.

All the secretaries were pleased to see the development of the University during the 18th



tenure such as offering more new languages, increasing modern facilities, successfully enrolling students, high proportion of employed graduates, bravely following the self-management pathway, etc.

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4. ULIS Job Fair 2020 held

On January 9th, 2020, ULIS-VNU organized ULIS Job Fair 2020 with the participation of 59 prestigious enterprises and over 6,000 students. This is considered the largest in scale ever held by ULIS so far.

The Job Fair is organized annually to help students to approach enterprises and vice versa. Moreover, both sides would have a better understanding of each other.

This year, the event took place on the 70th anniversary of the Vietnamese Student's Day (January 9th, 1950 – January 9th, 2020).

Delivering her remarks at the event, Vice President Ngo Minh Thuy said that under the development philosophy "Creating opportunities together" and the orientation "learning by doing", ULIS-VNU was honored to contribute to the national and regional development by providing high-quality human resources for a wide range of different industries.

Within the framework of the Job Fair, many activities took place such as the signing ceremony of cooperation agreements with 7 new enterprises; launching the job bank website; presenting scholarships of enterprises; giving Lunar new year gifts to 50 students with difficult circumstances; and seminar on the internship portfolio.







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5. ULIS Thailand Day 2020

On January 1st, 2020, ULIS – VNU organized the ULIS Thailand Day 2020 with the participation of hundreds of students.



ULIS Thailand Day is celebrated on the first anniversary of the Division of Southeast Asian Language and Culture, ULIS – VNU. The event was organized to promote and introduce the teaching of Thai language at ULIS – VNU and this is also the first time that this activity has taken place.

Speaking at the ceremony, Vice President Lam Quang Dong said that following the policy of developing Thai language at the University, the Division of Southeast Asian Language and Culture was established on January 24th, 2019 to promote the teaching and study of the language and culture of Thailand in particular as well as countries in Southeast Asia in general, thereby meeting the needs for increasing connectivity and cooperation among countries in the region. Ms. Morakot Janemathukorn, Thai Deputy Ambassador to Vietam said that the Thai language festival and Thai Eloquence Contest today were very meaningful events. She expected that Thai language training activities would develop stronger in the future.

Within the framework of ULIS Thai language festival 2020, many activites took place such as Thai Eloquence Contest, Thai cuisine and cultural performances, etc. Students had the opportunity to experience Thai food, make flower bouquets, try Thai dance, take pictures with traditional Thai costumes and so on.

With many diverse and interesting activities, the Thai language festival at ULIS brought new and unique experiences to all the guests.

6. Hoang Thi Minh Nguyet elected as ULIS first Student President

On the occasion of the 70th anniversary of the Vietnamese Student's Day (January 9th, 1950 – January 9th, 2020), ULIS organized a contest to find the first ULIS Student President. This activity created an environment for students to develop their skills, show their talents and contribute to the Unversity's overall development. The elected Student President will have 10 days with the same rights, favors and responsibilities as the President of the University.

During the contest, 6 outstanding contestants beating nearly 100 candidates through 2 rounds, including Application and Interview to have a spot in the finale. All contestants in the showdown had to present their plans when becoming the student president to convince the judges. The result was provided as follows:

Student President: Ms. Hoang Thi Minh Nguyet;

Mr. Nguyen Ngoc Thang won the Best Style Prize;

The Creative Prize went to Ms. Nguyen Thuc Anh;

Mr. Nguyen Vu Huy Hoang won the Excellent Idea Prize;

Ms. Pham Ngoc Lan won the Impressive Presentation Prize;

Ms. Nguyen Thuy Linh won the most courageous award.

In addition, in the program, the organizers also honored the top 20 of the competition.



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7. ULIS commencement in December 2019

On January 10th, 2020, ULIS - VNU solemnly held the commencement in December 2019.

The ceremony was attended by Vice President Ngo Minh Thuy, representatives of ULIS departments, representatives of 35 graduates and their relatives.

In her opening speech, Vice President Ngo Minh Thuy extended her congratulations to all 102 graduates. She also presented the bachelor's degrees to those students.

This is the 5th and final commencement in 2019.

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8. Hyundai granted scholarships to ULIS students

On January 8th, 2020, ULIS – VNU held a meeting with a delegation of Hyundai Motor Group (Korea Motor Group – Korea) led by Mr. Bong-Kyu Choi to discuss the support for students.



At the meeting, the two sides discussed the cooperation in supporting students. Hyundai Motor Group hoped to support the University's students by granting them scholarships. In addition, the Group is willing to create internship and experience opportunities for students. Vice President Ngo Minh Thuy thanked Mr. Bong-Kyu Choi and Hyundai Motor Group for their interest in supporting ULIS students.

The meeting yielded good results. The two sides are expected to formalize the cooperation by signing a memorandum of understanding in the near future.

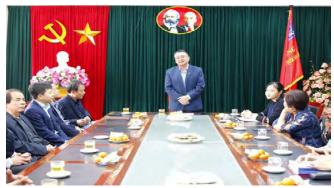
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9. Meeting with faculty and staff expected to retire in 2020

On January 8th, 2020, ULIS – VNU held a meeting between the University's leaders, faculty and staff expected to retire in 2020.

At the meeting, President Do Tuan Minh thanked all the faculty and staff for their the tireless contributions to ULIS development so far. "Your dedication and efforts have helped to create a prestigious ULIS as it is today" added he.

Also at the meeting, the University's leaders and, 11 faculty, staff shared sincere remarks, recalling unforgettable memories during their time at ULIS.



10. Meeting with individuals and representatives of groups specially awarded in 2019

On January 8th, 2020, ULIS – VNU held a meeting between the Emulation and Award Council of the University with individuals and representatives of groups who were specially commended and awarded in 2019.

Sharing at the meeting, Dr. Duong Quynh Hoa – Director of the Personnel and Organization Office said that ULIS began implementing the special award policy in September 2016. The policy aims to provide prompt recognition of ULIS faculty and staff's high achievements beyond expectation, in addition to the regular (often annual) award mechanism. In 2019 alone, 11 individuals and 7 groups benefited from the policy.



Recognizing the achievements and contributions of each and every rewarded individual and group, President Do Tuan Minh said that "special award" was a breakthrough policy with the desire to encourage staff and improve the University's commendation activities.

Also at the meeting, individuals and representatives of groups shared their feelings about the awards. They all showed their gratitude for the University's support and encouragement and determined to continue making more efforts in the future.

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11. Meeting and presenting "Tet Holiday" gifts to students with special circumstances

On January 10th, 2020, ULIS – VNU held a warm meeting with the University's students with special circumstances on the occasion of the 2020 "Tet Holiday".





Speaking at the meeting, Vice President Ngo Minh Thuy expressed her happiness when witnessing the maturity of the students after one year. The Vice President hoped that they would continue to study and strive to acquire many achievements and fulfill their goals.

During the meeting, the teachers and students had very sincere sharing about the experience of studying at ULIS as well as activities to further support students with special circumstances.

On this occasion, the University also awarded scholarships to all the students.

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11. ULIS joined the volunteer program "Spring in the Border Area 2020"

On January 10th to 12th, 2020, in Nam Chay town, Muong Khuong district, Lao Cai province, ULIS – VNU in collaboration with Military Science Academy (Ministry of Defense), The Editorial Department of the Communist Review, Vietnam National Drama Theater, Bank for Investment and Development of Vietnam (BIDV), General Hospital and the Border Guard of Lao Cai province organized a volunteer program named "Spring in the Border Area 2020".

During the event, all units offered medical examination and treatment to more than 200 people, presented more than 200 gifts to beneficiaries of special policies and talented yet cash-trapped students in Nam Chay town. At the same time, the primary and junior high schools in the province were also given gifts such as computers, warm blankets and water heaters, so as to contribute supports to teaching, caring and educating students in the area.



Hopefully, these small gifts will be a piece of encouragement for the children, elderly, beneficiaries of special policies and teachers in the commune to strive to overcome difficulties and enjoy a warmer Tet Holiday.

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12. Visit overseas students

On Febuary 10th, 2020, representatives of ULIS – VNU visited international students in the University's dormitory.



This is a group of 9 Chinese students who come to ULIS to learn Vietnamese. During the Tet holiday, they did not return to their home country and just stayed in Vietnam.

With Covid-19 outbreak, following the guidelines of the Ministry of Education and Training, the Ministry of Health and Vietnam National University, Hanoi, ULIS temporarily canceled all classes, including Vietnamese classes for foreign students.

Therefore, Mr. Nguyen Xuan Long, ULIS's Vice President, Mr. Do Minh Hoang, Director of the Cooperation and Development Office, Mr. Pham Dinh Luong, Deputy Director of the Assets Management & Security Office, Mr. Hoa Ngoc Son, Dean of the Faculty of Language Education & Professional Development and faculty members visited, encouraged and extended New Year wishes to the international students. Vice President Nguyen Xuan Long also presented new year gifts and lucky money to the students.

Although students do not attend face-to-face classes, Vice President Nguyen Xuan Long said that the University still sent documents and exercises to students to study at home. The connection between teachers and overseas students was closely secured. In addition, the University conducted many live-streaming lessons so students can study online.

Sharing with the teachers, the foreign students were very touched. Learning Vietnamese at ULIS, they found Vietnamese language and culture very interesting. Memories at ULIS and Vietnam would surely be a page of life that they will never forget.

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13. Training course for lecturers on Active Citizens and Social Enterprises organized

On February 21st – 23rd, 2020, ULIS – VNU and the British Council in Vietnam jointly organized a training course for lecturers on Active Citizens and Social Enterprises. This is the first time the training has been organized for lecturers at ULIS.

Active citizenship is a program for developing social leadership skills, promoting multicultural dialogue and social responsibility, which are considered the key skills of young leaders in the 21st century.

In 3 days, the training program is designed with many modules focusing on personal exploration and development; intercultural dialogue and knowledge and skills related to social enterprises such as identifying social issues, building business models, presenting to call for investments, etc.

The course attracted the attendance of more than 40 participants.



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14. Manulife Vietnam donated masks and disinfectant solution to ULIS students

At the ceremony, Manulife Vietnam representatives presented 6,800 masks and disinfectant solutions to ULIS. The masks will be delivered to students when they resume classes at the University. Disinfectant solutions will be conveniently placed for use.



Speaking at the event, Ms. Hoang Thi Hen said that Manulife Vietnam wished to join hands with the community in Covid-19 prevetion.

On behalf of ULIS, Vice President Lam Quang Dong thanked the valuable support of Manulife Vietnam. He also expressed his expectation that the two sides would develop the relationship and expand more meaningful cooperative activities.

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15. ULIS takes action to prevent Covid-19

Facing the complicated situation of Covid-19 caused by SARS-CoV-2 virus, ULIS – VNU issued the announcement to adjust the schedule after the 2020 Lunar New Year to protect the health of faculty, staff and students alike, and prevent the disease from spreading. Accordingly, students are staying home; all lecture halls and classrooms are now under the cleaning and disinfecting process. All staff are demanded to wear medical masks whenever on duty.

On February 7, 2020, the Executive Board of ULIS – VNU distributed medical supplies, including medical masks and hand sanitizers to all staff of the University. In addition, the University puts sterilized soap bars in restrooms on campus to help teachers and students disinfect and keep hygiene.

On the same day, President Do Tuan Minh also gave specific instructions to departments of the University to ensure the daily activities and rights of all staff and students of the University, including international experts and students.

On February 17th, 2020, a ULIS delegation went on an inspection mission in the wake of Covid-19 outbreak. Notably, Student President Hoang Thi Minh Nguyet also joined the delegation. She acknowledged the University's preventive measures and shared some of ULIS students' thoughts, aspirations and comments on such activities.

On March 2nd, 2020, ULIS – VNU supplied a great number of medical masks to its students to make sure they are safe while at the University.



IV/ PROMINENT ACTIVITIES OF DEPARTMENTS

1. Wrapping up the first Training Course on Innovation and Entrepreneurship Educators for ULIS lecturers

On January 5th, 2020, ULIS – VNU in collaboration with experts on Innovation and Entrepreneurship held a meeting to review the 1st training course on innovation and entrepreneurship educators for ULIS lecturers. This is part of a wide range of activities in the "Project in renovating teaching activities at all educational levels of ULIS – VNU in the period 2019 – 2025".

The training course was organized to help teachers/ lecturers change their mindsets so that they can be ready to translate challenges into opportunities, cultivate tolerance of diversity and differences; hone their ability to inspire and advise students on starting a business; work well in teams and guide students to work well in teams; solve problems in education and in all other fields following a standard order of design thinking; have acquire the ability to protect their own intellectual property rights and advise students on such rights.



During the wrapping-up session, the lecturers who had

participated in the training course were divided into 4 groups to deliver their presentations (final pitching). The presentations were meticulously prepared with professional and natural presentation style, which attracted the attention of all delegates and students in the hall.

In order to encourage the University's lecturers to attend the training course, organizers offered four best students of each group a study tour within the country. The second training course is scheduled to be held in April 2020.

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2. UMS Review Ceremony of the first semester of the 2019-2020 school year organized

On January 6th, 2020, the review ceremony of the first semester of the 2019-2020 school year of UMS – ULIS was held. Under teachers' guidance, the ceremony was organized entirely by students.

At the ceremony, Nguyen Hoang An – the head student of UMS presented a summary report for the first term of the 2019 – 2020 school year.

All the 94 UMS students recorded high achievements in learning, as 86 of them were recognized as Good and Very Good students, accounting for 91.4%, and 8 as Excellent (accounting for 8.5%). As for moral training, 100% were rated as GOOD. This semester, many students have participated in science & technology contests and international competitions and won many high prizes.



During the 1st semester, UMS-ers were involved in many experiential activities. On January 2nd, 2020, the School welcomed 6 new members, increaseing the total number of its students to 100.

At the ceremony, UMS's Executive Board commended and awarded groups and individuals with high achievements and contributions to the school's activities.

Mr. Pham Van Thanh – Representative of the Parents Association extended his thanks to UMS for creating a great learning and training environment for students. He was happy to see the students growing up day by day under the stewarship of their teachers.

The final part of the program was exceptional performances presented by UMS 6th graders.

The ceremony was filled with jubilant and exciting atmosphere thanks to joyful and energetic music performances by UMS's clubs.

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3. FLSS review ceremony of the first term in the 2019-2020 school year held

On January 6th, 2020, the Foreign Language Specializing School (FLSS) held the Review Ceremony of the 1st term in the 2019-2020 school year, marking the 50th anniversary of FLSS.

The Ceremony was solemn and cozy with the participation of FLSS Executive Board, representatives of the Parents Association, teachers and all students.

At the ceremony, the School presented awards to outstanding groups and individuals, including 11 excellent students with the highest average grades, 18 students receiving the Typical Young Face Award and 63 students winning the prize for VNU Excellent Students.



Exciting music performances by various School's clubs heated up the atmosphere of the ceremony.

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4. Seminar on "Internship Portfolio – a launching pad for your success"

The seminar was organized with the purpose of sharing information about the Internship Portfolio to students; the experience in designing, arranging and selecting information needed for a good portfolio, and what employers expect from, think about such portfolios, and how they evaluate them.



At the beginning of the seminar, President Do Tuan Minh shared about the Internship Portfolio and the learning by doing project to all students and recruiters.

After that, two students shared their experience about the design, layout and selection of information to be included in their portfolio.

Recruiters strongly believed that the portfolio would be a unique, special and advantageous item of ULIS students to impress employers.

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5. Closing ceremony of the first training course on Vietnamese and language & culture for KEB Hana bank staff.

On January 15th, 2020, ULIS – VNU held the closing ceremony of the 1st training course on Vietnamese Language & Culture for staff of KEB Hana Bank (Korea).

This is the first course under the cooperation agreement with CARROT Global, which was signed on August 9th, 2019.

At the ceremony, Ms. Chu Thi Bich, Head of the Division of Vietnamese Language & Culture praised the students' efforts on successfully completing the course.



Delivering her speech at the closing ceremony, Vice President Ngo Minh Thuy expressed her impression of the students' efforts and acknowledged their study results. The Vice President also thanked KEB Hana Bank for their support toin ULIS activities and hoped that the two sides would have more cooperative activities in the near future.

At the closing ceremony, the students expressed gratitude to the teachers. Representing the University, Vice President Ngo Minh Thuy presented certificates of course completion and souvenirs to the Korean students.

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6. Meeting with students of the Faculty of English Language Teacher Education who had completed a short-term study tour in Singapore

On January 15th, 2020, ULIS – VNU held a meeting with the group of students who had just completed a short-term study tour in Singapore.



This was the first trip organized under the program which had been signed with partner enterprises to organize courses and internships abroad for students of the Faculty of English Language Teacher Education (FELTE). It is expected that the program will be held annually for students of FELTE as well as expanded to other faculties.

At the meeting, Mr. Nguyen Tuan Anh, Vice Dean of the Faculty said that the trip in Singapore was part of a plan to enhance practical activities and experiences for students as well as deliver on the commitment of helping students of the fast-track program to have experiences in foreign countries.

President Do Tuan Minh said that the University always created opportunities for all students to experience at least once abroad while studying at ULIS.

At the meeting, the students also shared their experience during their 8-day study tour (from December 27th to January 12th).

The next trip is expected to be held in February, 2020.

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7. Closing ceremony of 6th Vietnamese language class for students of Keimyung University, Korea

On January 17th, 2020, ULIS – VNU held the closing ceremony of the 6th Vietnamese language class for students of Keimyung University (Korea).

Delivering her opening remarks, Ms. Tran Thi Huong, Dean of the Faculty of Korean Language & Culture (FKLC) congratulated 13 students of the 6th course in the cooperation program with Keimyung for successfully completing the course.

At the end of the ceremony, ULIS representative awarded course completion certificates to the students.



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8. Closing ceremony of 2nd Vietnamese language class for students of Hongik University, Korea

On January 17th, 2020, ULIS – VNU held the closing ceremony of the 2nd Vietnamese language class for students of Hongik University (Korea).



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Delivering her opening remarks, Ms. Tran Thi Huong, Dean of the Faculty of Korean Language & Culture (FKLC) congratulated the students of the second course in the cooperation program with Hongik University. She also hoped that the cooperation between the two sides would be cemented in the future.

At the end of the ceremony, ULIS representative presented course completion certificates to all the students and rewards to those with the best learning results.

9. Seminar on development of the first Arabic-Vietnamese Dictionary

On February 21st, 2020, ULIS – VNU held a seminar to discuss the development of an Arabic-Vietnamese dictionary. This is the first Arabic-Vietnamese dictionary in Vietnam developed by the Division of Arabic Language and Culture.

Speaking at the seminar, Vice President Lam Quang Dong spoke highly of the efforts of the Division of Arabic Language and Culture in compiling the Arabic-Vietnamese dictionary. "The dictionary will mark a new milestone in Arabic language training in Vietnam and contribute to the development of Arabic teaching and research at ULIS in particular and Vietnam in general" he added.



The dictionary will consist of 11 thousand lexical entries, arranged in the order of the Arabic alphabet. The vocabulary is selected from the most common words, ensuring the ratio among word categories. The compilation team consists of 10 lecturers. The project started on September 15th, 2017 and is expected to be appraised at the university level on October 30th, 2020.

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10. Vietnamese language course for staff of Laos National Assembly organized

On March 2nd, 2020, ULIS-VNU organized the opening ceremony of the Vietnamese language course for 10 staff members of Laos National Assembly.

Delivering his opening remarks, Vice President Lam Quang Dong extended his greetings to 10 students of this Vietnamese class. He believed that all the students would have a joyful and unforgettable time at ULIS, thereby strengthening the relationship between Vietnam and Laos.



Ms. Trinh Giang Huong – representative of Vietnam National Assembly extended her thanks to ULIS for facilitating the course to be run at ULIS.

Representing Laotian students, Mr. Phouthong PANYABOUN thanked Vietnam government, Vietnam National Assembly and ULIS for the warm reception and promised that all the Laotian students would do their best to complete the course.

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VI/ Key tasks in the second quarter of 2020

 Prepare and organize the National Scientific Seminar with topic "Studying and Teaching Foreign Languages, Languages and International studies in Vietnam" online.

- Continue to well implement the prevention of Covid-19 epidemic; Proactively and flexibly adjust the School's work plan to suit the general situation.

- Develop 04 action programs to implement the Resolution of the XIX Party Congress Party.

- Overcome difficulties to successfully complete the academic year 2019-2020, ensure that students of the QH.2016 cohort graduate on time.

- Prepare the enrollment work at all levels.







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