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FROM THE EDITORS



Our dear readers,

This first quarter of 2021 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 Year-end Conference, UNC2021 first and second pre-workshops; 4th Congress of ULIS Former Faculty and Staff's Association, tenure 2020 – 2025; 15th Congress of ULIS Students' Association, tenure 2020-2023; 1st congress of ULIS Alumni Network, tenure 2021-2026; good implementation of security, order and fire prevention to ensure ULIS officials and lecturers received good care during the 2021 Lunar New Year, etc.

The successful organization of these events is a sign of a promising year for ULIS. In the second quarter of 2021, the University has a number of important tasks which need to be performed well, such as prepare and organize UNC conference 2021; prepare the enrollment work at all levels; organize specialized fostering sessions for teachers and lecturers; continue to renovate, repair and upgrade facilities to prepare for the new academic year.

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 the Director of Korea International Exchange Fund in Hanoi

On March 17th, 2021, ULIS-VNU held a meeting with Mr. Choi Jaejin – Director of Korea International Exchange Fund (KF) in Hanoi.

At the meeting, the two sides discussed cooperation activities that had been implemented up till then and would be realized in the future.

President Do Tuan Minh extended his belief on the success in the first term in Vietnam of Director Choi Jaejin. Sharing the university's achievements in Korean language training, the President expressed his wish that the two sides would continue to cooperate closely in the coming time.



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2. Meeting with underprivileged students on the occasion of the Lunar New Year 2021 held

On January 21st, 2021, ULIS-VNU held a meeting with underprivileged students on the occasion of the Lunar New Year 2021.



The meeting acknowledged the presence of President Do Tuan Minh, Vice President Ha Le Kim Anh, representatives of leaders and specialists of ULIS Departments and 48 underprivileged students.

Speaking at the meeting, President Do Tuan Minh extended his greetings to the teachers and 48 students, praised their learning efforts and encouraged them to continue to keep up their good work. The President also affirmed that the University always wanted to bring the best conditions and the best educational environment for students with special circumstances.

At the meeting, President Do Tuan Minh and representatives of leaders presented scholarships to the students.

II/ COOPERATION & DEVELOPMENT

1. Meeting with Dale Carnegie Foundation on implementing personal enrichment programs

On March 2nd, 2021, ULIS-VNU held a meeting with Dale Carnegie Vietnam on the cooperation in implementing personal development programs.



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At the meeting, Vice President Ha Le Kim Anh expressed the desire to cooperate with Dale Carnegie to organize long-term training courses to build a core team for spreading positive energy throughout the University.

After that, the two sides exchanged and discussed the implementation of related cooperation activities. Representative of Dale Carnegie Vietnam pledged to actively coordinate with the University for effective implementation of the programs.

2. Closing ceremony of Laotian language training course for staff and students of Vietnam Academy of Border Defense

On January 5th, 2021, ULIS – VNU cooperated with the Vietnam Academy of Border Defense to hold the closing ceremony of the Laotian language training course for staff and students of the Academy.

At the closing ceremony, representatives of the students reported the results of the course. During 30 lessons, the students were imparted with knowledge about not only the language but also the culture and society of Laos. All 43 students received certificates with 5 achieving excellent results.

Speaking at the ceremony, Colonel, Dr. Nguyen Xuan Bac – Deputy Director of the Academy believed that the course had inspired and spread the movement of learning foreign languages to the soldiers, thereby encouraging them to study more and apply the knowledge to their daily missions.

Vice President Lam Quang Dong voiced his wish that the two universities could continue to carry out more cooperation programs to promote the strengths of both sides and contribute to the country's development.

At the closing ceremony, the ULIS's representatives presented the certificates of completion to the students.





3. Launching ceremony of Video Viewing Marathon 2021

On January 27th, 2021, ULIS – VNU cooperated with the Regional English Language Office – the US Embassy in Hanoi (RELO) to organize the launch of the 2021 Video Viewing Marathon course.



Opening the program, Ms. Nguyen Thi Lan Huong, Deputy Head of General Administration Office introduced the ULIS CONNECT Project, UNC2021 and VIDEO VIEWING MARATHON 2021.

After that, President Do Tuan Minh and Mr. Jerrold J. Frank – Director of the Office signed an MOU and invitation letters to be sent to potential learners to participate in the course.

Speaking at the launching ceremony, Mr. Jerrold J. Frank affirmed that combining video viewing marathon with ULIS Connect project would bring opportunities to access new technology platforms for the community of foreign language teachers in Vietnam.

President Do Tuan Minh asserted that the three programs were introduced with a humanitarian meaning, which was the desire to create a community of connected foreign language teachers in Vietnam.

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III/ PROMINENT ACTIVITIES OF THE UNIVERSITY

1. 2020 year-end conference held

On January 6th, 2021, ULIS – VNU organized the 2020 year-end conference to reflect on the past year and look at the 2021 work plan. On this occasion, ULIS also held the Debriefing of January, 2021

At the debriefing of January, 2021, President Do Tuan Minh presented the decision on rewarding Ms. Phung Ha Thanh and Ms. Nguyen Thi Thu Hang (with 50 million VND each) for having articles published in an ISI/SCOPUS-listed journal. This month's special reward was presented to Ms. Nguyen Huong Quynh for winning the second prize at the Talented Teacher Contest of Cau Giay District in 2020.

At the conference, the President delivered a presentation on the 2020 Summary Report and the implementation of the 2021 work plan.



2. Dr. Do Tuan Minh reappointed ULIS President

VNU President Nguyen Kim Son signed the Decision No. 526/QD-ĐHQGHN dated 26 February 2021 on the re-appointment of Dr. Do Tuan Minh as ULIS President. The Decision takes effect from April 12th, 2021.

Dr. Do Tuan Minh is an alumnus of the 1988-1993 cohort of the Faculty of English Language, ULIS-VNU. He had taught and assumed management duties in many positions before being appointed the University President on April 11th, 2016. During the first term of President Do Tuan Minh, ULIS has achieved many outstanding achievements.

Continuing to hold the position, Dr. Do Tuan Minh wishes to be hand-in-hand with all ULIS staff and students to persistently carry out the mission of "contributing to the national development through the pursuit of excellence in education, research, and the provision of quality services relevant to social demands.



3. ULIS commencement in December 2020

On January 15th, 2021, ULIS - VNU solemnly held the commencement in December 2020.



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The ceremony was attended by Vice President Ha Le Kim Anh, representatives of ULIS departments, representatives of 95 degree recipients and their relatives.

In her opening speech, Vice President Ha Le Kim Anh extended her congratulations to all 95 graduates and conferred upon them the bachelor's degrees they rightfully deserved.

This is the 5th and final commencement in 2020.

4. UNC2021 first pre-workshop held

As part of the ULIS National Conference 2021 (UNC2021), the first Pre-conference Workshop titled "Action Research Methodology" was organized by ULIS-VNU on January 17th, 2021.

Taking place online and on site, the Workshop attracted about 600 participants.

Delivering his speech at the opening ceremony, President Do Tuan Minh said that every year, ULIS organized the National Conference "Research and Teaching Foreign Languages, Linguistics and International Studies in Vietnam" bringing together about 550-600 lecturers and scholars. Moving toward 2021, based on the previous successes, ULIS wished to expand this forum not only to university lecturers but also to teachers at primary, secondary and high school levels."



In the program, 3 presentations were presented by experienced speakers in the field of foreign language research and teaching.

5. UNC2021 second pre-workshop held

As part of the ULIS National Conference 2021 (UNC2021), the second Pre-Workshop under the topic "Tools in teaching foreign language online" was organized by ULIS-VNU on March 7th, 2021.



Taking place online and on site, the Workshop attracted about 3,000 participants.

Delivering his speech at the opening ceremony, President Do Tuan Minh believed that the workshop would provide participants with more useful knowledge and experience.

In the program, 3 presentations were made by experienced speakers in the field of foreign language research and teaching.

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6. Fostering office reception and external relation skills for ULIS staff

On January 20th, 2021, ULIS-VNU held a training program on office reception and external relation skills for its staff.

During the program, over 60 teachers were provided with knowledge about courtesy in foreign contact, culture and costumes, and many other external relation skills.

Many specific diplomatic principles and behavioral examples were introduced to the participants.

Closing the program, ULIS staff gave positive feedback on the knowledge and teaching methods that they experienced. The shared knowledge and skills are expected to help teachers in their work in the future.



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7. Workshop "Community Learning Model (CEL/SL)"

On January 23rd – 24th, 2021, ULIS-VNU held the Workshop "Model for Community Learning (CEL/SL)".

The workshop aims to introduce the application of CEL/SL model; train and improve trainers' professional capacity on the application of CEL/SL model in teaching, research and project implementation; exchange, connect and expand the CEL/SL network; discuss and build development direction of the union of universities participating in Community Learning in Vietnam (CELA) in the future.

Representing the sponsor, Mr. Don Tuan Phuong – Director of Center for Sustainable Development Studies (CSDS) affirmed that "Community Learning Model (CEL/SL)" is very suitable for application to universities.

At the workshop, President Do Tuan Minh said that this was the right model for ULIS and hoped that through this workshop, teachers could apply this model to their teaching methods.

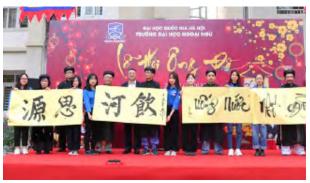
The workshop was divided into 2 parts: conference and training. The Workshop "Community Learning Model (CEL/SL)" lasted 2 days with the participation of about 80 participants.

8. Celebrating "Ông Đồ" Festival

On January 26th-27th, 2021, ULIS-VNU held the "Ông Đồ" Festival at its campus.

The event was organized to promote the traditional cultural beauty of Vietnamese people, creating a warm and joyful atmosphere for the University's staff and students on the occasion of the coming Tet holiday, thereby cementing the bonds among the lecturers, staff and all learners.

Delivering his speech at the opening ceremony, President Do Tuan Minh said that "Ông Đồ" Festival took place with the desire to recreate the atmosphere of spring and traditional Tet holiday at ULIS, and at the same time spread the moral "When you eat a fruit, think of the grower", respect the traditional cultural values for all ULISers.



At the event, many activities were held: introduction and performance of calligraphy, giving meaningful words, presenting Tet gifts to students, flute performance, poetry recitation.

The "Ông Đố" Festival lured the engagement of many ULIS staff and students. The festival brought a very spring atmosphere, spreading many warm messages on the occasion of Tet Holiday.

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8. Many ULIS projects honored at VNU Teaching Festival

On January 27th, 2021, the Center for Teaching Excellence (CTE) and the Department of Education Quality Assurance, VNU co-organized the first VNU Teaching Festival under the 2020–2021 theme "Innovating teaching – learning activities according to the approach of hybrid education". At the event, the organizers awarded the title of VNU Innovative Educator 2020 to teams/individuals with excellent projects, practices and ideas on teaching innovation. Notably, ULIS has 3 practical projects/ideas of lecturer groups and 1 joint project of VNU lecturers was honored.



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VNU Teaching Festival is an annual event organized to recognize and honor lecturers who make important and positive contributions to teaching innovation at the VNU; exchange and discuss the results, issues, and trends in teaching innovation in the current context, as while connecting and spreading the spirit of innovation in the VNU faculty community.

9. 4th Congress of ULIS Former Faculty and Staff's Association, tenure 2020 – 2025 held

On December 28th, 2020, ULIS-VNU held the 4th Congress of ULIS Former Faculty and Staff's Association, tenure 2020 – 2025.

The congress is responsible for summarizing the activities of the third tenure, proposing the operation directions of the fourth tenure, discussing to agree on the meeting's resolutions and electing the Executive Board of the fourth tenure.

At the congress, Mr. Nguyen Cong Nhan, Chairman of the Association presented the Executive Board's report on the activities for the tenure 2015-2020 and the Draft of the orientations and tasks for the tenure 2020-2025.

During the third tenure, the Association contributed a great deal to the common development of Vietnam Former Faculty and Staff's Association and ULIS as well. As a result, the Association was awarded the Certificate of Merit from the President of Vietnam Former Faculty and Staff's Association. ULIS President Do Tuan Minh also awarded the Certificate of Merit to the Association, as well as its divisions and individuals for having excellent achievements in the tenure 2015-2020. On this occasion, ULIS also donated more than 100 million VND and a personal laptop to the Association.

At the congress, new Executive Board of the Association in the 4th tenure, 2020-2025 was elected, consisting of 14 members.

The 4th Congress of ULIS Former Faculty and Staff's Association, tenure 2020-2025 passed the resolution and ended in an atmosphere of excitement, celebrating the new tenure and the new year 2021.



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10. 15th Congress of ULIS Students' Association, tenure 2020-2023 held

On January 9th, 2021, the 15th Congress of ULIS Students' Association, tenure 2020-2023 took place in a solemn manner.

The congress is to focus on evaluating the Association's work and movement of ULIS students in the tenure 2018 – 2020; acknowledging achieved results, looking at the shortcomings and limitations, finding out the causes and lessons learnt; acquiring awareness of new requirements; proposing directions, tasks, goals and action plans in the tenure 2020-2023; and electing the Executive Board of the Students' Association for the tenure 2020-2023.

In the 2017 – 2018, 2018 – 2019 and 2019 – 2020 academic years, the Students' Association was honored to receive the Certificate of Merit from the Central Vietnam Students' Association for its excellent achievements. In the academic year 2019 – 2020, the Students' Union was one of the VNU leading units in the Association activities and Students' movement, receiving the honorable flag from the Vietnam Central Students' Association.

On behalf of the Secretariat of the VNU Students' Association, Mr. Hua Thanh Hoa acknowledged the dedication of ULIS Students' Association on the VNU's overall achievements.

On behalf of the ULIS Party Committee and Management Board, President Do Tuan Minh praised the achievements and development of ULIS Students' Association in the past tenure.

The Congress elected the Executive Committee of the 15th tenure, consisting of 21 members. The Congress passed a resolution calling on all members and students to work and study hard in order to achieve the goals set out by the Congress.







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11. 1st congress of ULIS Alumni Network, tenure 2021-2026

On March 27th, 2021, the First Congress of ULIS Alumni Network, tenure 2021-2026 took place.

With more than 200 delegates, this is an important event of the University, marking the first step in the process of connecting, building and developing the ULIS Alumni Network.

At the congress, a summary report on activities and operational directions of the First Congress was delivered.

The congress also discussed, passed the Plan to elect Executive Committee of the 1st tenure, elected 39 members in the Executive Committee and passed the Congress' resolution.

Delivering at the congress, President Do Tuan Minh said that the ULIS Alumni Network was established on December 24th, 2020 to connect all people who had studied at ULIS.





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12. Commencement for Master students of International Partnership Program, 28th & 29th intakes

On March 19th, 2021, ULIS – VNU solemnly held the commencement to award the master's degrees to students of the International Partnership Program, 28th & 29th intakes.

The commencement was attended by Vice President Ha Le Kim Anh, Prof. Rosemary Orlando – Representative of Southern New Hampshire University (via zoom), representatives of departments, Management Board and staff of the Faculty of Graduate Studies, teachers and 36 new Masters' Degree holders.

Delivering her speech at the ceremony, Vice President Ha Le Kim Anh extended her congratulations to 36 Masters' Degree recipients for completing the International partnership program between ULIS and Southern New Hampshire University (USA). In addition, she believed that with the knowledge and skills accumulated during the course, the Masters' Degree recipients could continue to further their study and have many opportunities to thrive in the future.

Via zoom in the USA, representative of Southern New Hampshire University, Prof. Rosemary Orlando expressed her joy and pride when witnessing the whole journey of all the students from the beginning to the commencement ceremony.

At the closing ceremony, representatives of the two universities awarded graduation degrees to 36 Masters' Degree recipients.





IV/ PROMINENT ACTIVITIES OF DEPARTMENTS

1. Yukata dressing experience organized

On December 30th – 31st, 2020, ULIS-VNU organized a Yukata dressing experience for first-year students of the Faculty of Japanese Language and Culture. This is one of the cultural experience activities aiming to introduce Japanese culture to students of the Faculty.



During the program, students were introduced to the history and development of the Yukata. In particular, the students were instructed and tried on all kinds of beautiful Yukata outfits originating from Japan.

This experience is a special gift from the Faculty of Japanese Language and Culture to students during the New Year's Eve 2021. In the coming time, the Faculty will continue to organize diverse cultural experience activities for its students.

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2. Wagashi baking experience for Japanese language students organized

On January 11th, 2021, ULIS-VNU organized a Wagashi experience session for third-year students of the Faculty of Japanese Language & Culture. This is one of the cultural experience activities to introduce Japanese culture to students of the Faculty.

During the program, the students were instructed to make cakes by an Wagashi professional from the famous brand Song Thuy Wagashi.

In addition, the students also competed with each other for the best cakes.

Sharing their thoughts at the session, the students all followed the instructions and expressed their joy in making beautiful wagashi by themselves. Discovering an interesting facet of Japanese culture, the students looked forward to engaging in subsequent experience activities.



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3. Golden Bell Competition for Russian learners in Hanoi in 2021 held

In order to enhance exchanges and solidarity among Russian language training and teaching institutions in Hanoi, improve understanding of the country, culture and society of Russia, and create a healthy, useful and interesting playground for students, on January 13th, 2021, the Faculty of Russian Language and Culture, along with the companionship and sponsorship of the Far Eastern Federal University (FEFU), successfully organized the Golden Bell Competition.

In addition to the participation of students from the Faculty of Russian Language and Culture, the competition also attracted the attention and proactive participation of students of Russian language teaching institutions in Hanoi.

Winners:

– Ms. Le Thi Quynh Anh, Faculty of Russian Language and Culture, won the first prize,

– Mr. Mac Duc Hanh, Military Technical Academy, won the second prize,

– Ms. Duong Pham Quynh Anh, the high school under the Russian Embassy, won the third prize.

The competition ended with a great success, leaving an unforgettable impression in the heart of each participant.



4. Opening ceremony of foreign language pedagogy course for 170 ULIS's students held

On March 16th, 2021, ULIS-VNU organized the opening ceremony of the foreign language pedagogy course for ULIS's students. This is the second time the course was organized.





Started its first course in 2020, the Foreign Language Pedagogy course for ULIS's students has a mission of supporting students and developing their pedagogical skills, giving them the opportunity to access many suitable jobs in the future. The 2nd course recognized the participation of 170 students.

Delivering her speech at the opening ceremony, Vice President Ha Le Kim Anh said that besides the certificates, more importantly, through the course, students would be imparted with skills and knowledge to be able to teach and deliver knowledge in the future. The Vice President expressed her joy in seeing the students to have such an ambition of discovering different parts of themselves.

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5. ULIS students participated in the Vietnam International Innovation Exhibition 2021

In early January, 2021, the first Vietnam International Innovation Exhibition hosted by the Ministry of Planning and Investment took place successfully.

With 157 exhibition booths, the program attracted more than 12,000 visitors. In particular, ULIS – VNU is one of 18 universities having its products on display at the exhibition. With unique products, the ULIS exhibition booth received a lot of attention from visitors as well as other institutions.

The program is a valuable opportunity for students to present their creative products, exchange their ideas with many friends from other schools as well as equip themselves with more knowledge.



6. Students experienced a cooking contest at the 2021 French Cuisine Festival

On January 15th, 2021, the French Cuisine Festival for QH2019 and QH2020 fast-track students in the new year 2021 was held.



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Delivering her opening speech at the program, Dr. Dam Minh Thuy, Vice Dean of the Faculty of French Language and Culture, extended her thanks to distinguished guests, teachers and students for enthusiastically responding to the experiential activity and emphasized the importance of experiential activities during the student's learning process at the Faculty.

The contest had the participation of students from 13 classes who competed in the presence of 250 students, teachers and guests. A total of 26 dishes were presented.

Many prizes were given to the classes to reward and encourage their enthusiasm. The program ended with a warm party of teachers and students.

The culinary festival also created an intercultural space, helping students actively explore and form a sense of cultural diversity and cultural exchanges among countries in the Francophone community.

7. Seminars on sharing career opportunities and German language learning methods for students

On January 15th, 2021, the Faculty of German Language and Culture held a seminar on "German – Which opportunities for you?". Assoc. Prof. Dr. Nguyen Thi Phuong Hoa was the speaker of the event.

In the first part of the program, students listened to useful information about scholarship programs and international cooperation between the Faculty and other universities in Germany. In addition, the students asked many questions on how to prepare necessary documents to apply for the programs.

For the second part of the event, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Nguyen Thi Phuong Hoa shared her extremely helpful knowledge about Germany, effective German learning methods and job opportunities for students who were studying German.



To encourage the students of the Faculty, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Nguyen Thi Phuong Hoa gave 08 special gifts, including 03 gifts from a former lecturer of the Faculty of German Language and Culture who lives abroad to underpriviledged students with academic endeavors.

8. FLSS review of first semester of 2020-2021 academic year

On January 18th, 2021, FLSS solemnly held its Review Meeting for the 1st semester of 2020-2021 academic year.

At the beginning of the Meeting, Ms. Lai Thi Phuong Thao – Vice Principal of FLSS presented her review report of the first semester.

After that, many groups and individuals with outstanding achievements in the first semester were lauded and awarded.

Many art performances were delivered by students. The Meeting ended successfully. The results that FLSS teachers and students achieved in the last semester act as an important drive for the school to thrive in the second semester.

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9. UMS review of the first semester of 2020-2021 school year

On January 18th, 2021, UMS held its Review Meeting for the first semester of the 2020-2021 school year.

Opening the Meeting was the bamboo flute concert repertoire with the song "Spring Butterfly" performed by the 6th graders, the new UMS members.

The highlight of this Meeting compared to others is its unique way of organization. It took the form of a seminar with speakers being UMS outstanding students who discussed the situation of the first semester. The seminar was sandwiched with excellent performances by UMS students, which characterized the Meeting with both formality and excitement.

Recognizing the contributions of all classes in the last semester, Mr. Nguyen Phu Chien – Principal of the school presented gifts to all the classes.



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10. 10 ULISers to receive Nitori scholarships in 2021

On January 21st, 2021, ULIS-VNU held the Nitori scholarship award ceremony in 2021 to its students at Homies A2.



Delivering her speech at the ceremony, Vice President Ha Le Kim Anh affirmed that this scholarship award ceremony was held to promptly support and motivate students financially and mentally so that they could learn more effectively.

At the ceremony, Vice President Ha Le Kim Anh presented scholarships to the students (13,000,000 VND/scholarship).

11. Seminar on "Francophone Economy"

On January 20th, 2021, the Faculty of French Language and Culture held a seminar under the topic "Francophone Economy" (La Francophonie économique) with the participation of lecturers and students from the Faculty and representatives of other oraganizations.



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At the beginning of the meeting, Assoc. Prof. Dinh Hong Van, Dean of the Faculty of French Language and Culture, introduced the two guests – Mr. Chékou Oussouman, Director of OIF Asia-Pacific Office and Mr. Étienne Rolland-Piègue, Counselor for Cooperation and Cultural Activities, French Embassy; demonstrated the spirit of friendship and cooperation between the Francophone Organization, the French Embassy and ULIS-VNU, and put forward the rationale and purpose of the seminar.

Mr. Étienne Rolland-Piègue – Counselor for Cooperation and Cultural Activities, the French Embassy in Vietnam emphasized the importance of French language in promoting diplomatic relations, economic cooperation with other countries in the Francophone Community and raised 3 main pillars of Vietnam in international integration, namely culture, politics and economy.

Mr. Chékou Oussouman, Director of the Asia-Pacific Office of the Francophone International Organization (OIF), then presented the history of Vietnam's relationship with the Francophone Community, diplomacy issues, the connection among countries and future cooperation projects.

12. Seminar on natural beauty in Tang poetry

On January 27th, 2021, ULIS-VNU held a seminar under the topic "Natural beauty in Tang poetry".



The activity is part of the periodical seminar program to develop reading culture organized by Center for Information Technology, Communication & Learning Resources.

During the seminar, teachers and students were provided with information, descriptions about the natural elements in Tang poetry. Tang poems along with their own unique beauty and stories were introduced by the enthusiastic speaker.

VI/ Key tasks in the second quarter of 2021

- Organize enrollment of all levels;
- Organize UNC2021 conference;
- Organize specialized fostering sessions for teachers and lecturers;

- Continue to renovate, repair and upgrade facilities to prepare for the new academic year.

PICTURES OF THE QUARTER















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