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FROM THE EDITORS

Our dear readers,

The 2022 summer has gone by the University of Languages and International Studies – Vietnam National University, Hanoi (ULIS – VNU). ULIS this summer was hectic with numerous prominent events such as: Commencement for more than 700 QH.2018 graduates; Opening ceremony for QH.2022 graduate first intake; CLC Day - MEET Gala 2022; 20th Anniversary of fast-track program of Faculty of English Language Teacher Education; Conference to review the foreign language teaching project in Ba Vi's secondary schools in academic year 2021-2022; 60th anniversary of Faculty of French Language and Culture (1962-2022); 30th anniversary of teaching Japanese at ULIS-VNU (1992-2022).

This 2022-2023 academic year has started off with motivating activities from welcoming new Ulisers to organizing course opening ceremonies for all students. This 4th quarter, we will need to well implement and fulfill the following key tasks: finalize the self-assessment reports and prepare for the external assessments of 04 training programs (French, Japanese, Chinese and Korean languages); organize the IGRS 2022 Symposium for graduate students and organize conferences within the framework of UNC2023; review the three-year implementation of the Project on renovating teaching activities at ULIS-VNU (2019-2020; 2020-2021; 2021-2022) and implement training programs toward autonomous orientation; organize the mid-term review of the implementation of the Resolution of the Congress of the Party Committee of ULIS-VNU (2020-2025).

On behalf of the Editorial Board, we wish all teachers, students and partners good health and an enjoyable time with excitement and fun at ULIS.

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I/ PROMINENT ACTIVITIES OF ULIS LEADERS

1. ULIS delegation of teachers and staff attended 5th Anniversary of International Joint Master's Program with Leipzig University

On July 4th, 2022, ULIS delegation attended the 5th Anniversary of the International Joint Master's Training Program "German as a foreign language and second language in the context of Vietnam – German relationship" and "German language" between Leipzig University and ULIS-VNU at the headquarter of Leipzig University, Germany.

Delivering his speech at the opening ceremony, Prof. Dr. Middell - Vice President of Leipzig University acknowledged the efforts of both sides in developing the project to open an international joint training program. He affirmed that this was the first joint master's program of Leipzig University with a Southeast Asian partner, and after 5 years of cooperation and training, Leipzig University learned from ULIS how to operate and manage training programs.



Speaking at the Anniversary, Vice President Ha Le Kim Anh expressed her impressions of Leipzig University. "Both sides have endeavored to run the program smoothly, especially during the outbreak of COVID-19 pandemic. The two sides also made their best efforts to assist learners in completing their studies", affirmed she.

Also, at the ceremony, the students participating in the program from QH2017 cohort to the current cohort expressed their unforgettable feelings when experiencing their study time in Vietnam (for learners from Leipzig University) and in Germany (for learners from ULIS).

During this trip, besides attending the 5th Anniversary of the International Joint Master's Program, the delegation and students met with the leadership and management team of Leipzig University, worked with the International Cooperation Department, introduced the development cooperation of ULIS, exchanged about quality management, reported on teaching tasks, learned about university governance, discussed renewal and development of joint training programs, worked with the Institute of Applied Linguistics and Translation, visited the library and campus of Leipzig University, and the city of Leipzig. During the trip, the delegation had the opportunity to learn about the history, scale and management of training, research and development cooperation of Leipzig University and the cooperation relationship between it and ULIS as well as other partners.

2. ULIS welcomes the External Assessment Team to accredit the quality of educational institutions for the period 2021-2026

On July 13th - 17th, 2022, ULIS-VNU welcomed and worked with the External Assessment Team from the Education Accreditation Center - Vietnam National University, Ho Chi Minh City to officially survey and accredit the quality of educational institutions in the period 2021-2026 in compliance with Circular No. 12/2017/TT-BGDĐT.



On July 13th, the opening ceremony of the program took place. At the ceremony, Mr. Bui Thi Nhu Hue - Professional secretary of the team read the Decision on forming the Assessment Team.

In his welcome speech, Vice President Lam Quang Dong said: “ULIS-VNU would like to welcome the assessment team to carry out the accreditation of educational institutions at the University. This is a very important event because it is the decisive step after more than a year of hard work for all ULIS teachers and students”.

Representing the external assessment team, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Le Ngoc Quynh Lam – Director of the Education Accreditation Center – Vietnam National University, Ho Chi Minh City shared: “The Center would like to thank ULIS – VNU for trusting and choosing the Center as a companion with the University in the process of ensuring and accrediting the quality of education”.

The following part was a brief presentation about ULIS and the self-assessment process by Vice President Lam Quang Dong.

The official assessment took place in 5 working days and ended on July 17th, 2022 with positive results.



3. Meeting with Director of the Association of Francophone Universities in the Asian-Pacific region (AUF)

On July 20th, 2022, ULIS-VNU held a meeting with Mr. Laurent Sermet, Director of the Association of Francophone Universities in the Asian-Pacific region.

Delivering his speech at the meeting, Vice President Lam Quang Dong wished that AUF would support ULIS in the transfer of knowledge and technology in foreign language teaching and learning. He also expressed his hope that AUF would support the Francophonic Research Center at the Faculty of French Language and Culture to develop into a major research center on Francophone in Vietnam and the region.



Mr. Laurent Sermet emphasized that one of the focus areas of AUF at present is innovation to integrate with the world, thereby increasing job opportunities for students and connecting with businesses, and acknowledged that this was a big similarity between the two institutions. At the end of the meeting, AUF and ULIS agreed to cooperate in many potential and related fields. Mr. Sermet then visited the French compound.

4. Conference to review the foreign language teaching project in Ba Vi's secondary schools in academic year 2021-2022

On August 15th, 2022, ULIS-VNU cooperated with Ba Vi District People's Committee to organize a conference to review the project on supporting foreign language teaching and learning at secondary schools in Ba Vi district in academic year 2021-2022.



To begin the meeting, Ms. Phung Ngoc Oanh, the Director of Ba Vi District Education & Training Department reported the project results in the school year 2021-2022 and plans in the school year 2022-2023.

After taking a brief look at the progress of the project in 2021-2022, the conference discussed and offered suggestions for the time to come.

At the conference, Vice President Nguyen Xuan Long expressed his pride when witnessing the changes and progress that everyone made. He affirmed that ULIS would continue to accompany and support the district in the future.

Mr. Do Manh Hung, Deputy Secretary of Party Committee and Chairman of People's Committee of Ba Vi District, spoke with high regards of the values that the cooperation project between ULIS-VNU and Ba Vi District People's Committee brought to the community, to the cause of education in general and foreign language education in particular in Ba Vi District and believed that the Project would continue to develop and obtain more positive results.

At the conference, the Director of Ba Vi District Education & Training Department and Ba Vi District People's Committee announced the decision to award groups and individuals with outstanding achievements in implementing the project in the school year 2021-2022.

The conference closed and ushered in a new chapter in cooperation activities between the two institutions.

5. ULIS's representative takes part in international conference "International Borderless Campus"

The international conference "International Borderless Campus (IBC)" is a conference under the China – ASEAN Education Cooperation Week 2022 (CAECW 2022), hosted by China Campus Network (CCN).

On August 24th, 2022, in Guiyang City, the heart of Guizhou Province, South West China, the conference was hosted with the participation of 240 representatives and guests from China and 11 countries, including Russia, Kazakhstan, Vietnam and others to discuss the "Acceleration of global connection among universities – Infrastructure strategy and cooperation initiative between schools and enterprises". The conference was hosted in the hybrid mode, i.e. both offline and online.



Vietnam took part in the conference with representatives from ULIS-VNU, HANU, Hanoi Open University, Equest Education Group, etc.

Attending the event, Vice President Ha Le Kim Anh, together with 240 guests, witnessed the ceremony and extended her regard to the IBC program.

At the conference, other representatives also shared their points of view in the post-COVID 19 time, the way to strengthen international cooperation and promote bilateral and multi-lateral development on higher levels, talents training, etc.

6. Implementation of K-IBT project and Genie-K Korean language learning application promoted

On July 6th, 2022, ULIS-VNU held a meeting with Hancorn Group on the implementation of the previous cooperation agreements, including the development plan of the Korean Language Proficiency Assessment project K-IBT at all levels and the Genie-K Korean language learning application.



At the meeting, President Do Tuan Minh expressed his pleasure because the implementation of the K-IBT project and the Genie-K Korean language learning application had made progress and yielded initial praiseworthy results. Hancorn Group's representative thanked ULIS and wished the two sides to continue having close coordination in activities to be implemented in the coming time.

At the meeting, Hancorn Group also presented a specific report on the K-IBT project and Genie-K Korean language learning application and their implementation progress.

At the end of the meeting, teachers from all units of ULIS commented and discussed to help improve the project implementation.

7. Meeting with Regional English Language Office (RELO Vietnam)

On July 7th, 2022, ULIS-VNU held a meeting to work with the Regional English Language Office, US Embassy in Vietnam (RELO Vietnam).

During the meeting, Mr. Jerrold Frank - Director of RELO introduced possible funding sources and shared RELO Vietnam's ideas on courses and training programs around the topics such as pedagogical skills and English skills for English teachers in Vietnam. Notably, RELO Vietnam is currently implementing a number of projects, including The English Fellow project which is currently witnessing the participation of many Vietnamese teachers.



Welcoming cooperation ideas between ULIS and RELO Vietnam, Ms. Nguyen Thi Mai Huu, Head of the Management Board of the National Foreign Language Project, put forward several suggestions for the stakeholders.

During the exchange and discussion between the two sides, Mr. Jerrold Frank expressed his support for the ideas from ULIS and pledged to continue considering the implementation of the cooperation program in the time to come.

On the side of ULIS, President Do Tuan Minh emphasized that the University always spoke with high regards of RELO's support in the University's activities as well as cooperation projects between the two sides. Hopefully, with many ideas that have been developed by both sides with enthusiasm, many projects will be carried out in the future.

II/ COOPERATION & DEVELOPMENT

1. Cooperation agreement with Hebei University of Foreign Studies (China) signed

On June 27th, 2022, University of Languages and International Studies, Vietnam National University, Hanoi (ULIS-VNU) and Hebei University of Foreign Studies (China) signed their cooperation agreement.

At the ceremony, representatives of the two universities signed an official memorandum of understanding. Tentatively, the two sides agreed to cooperate in many fields, such as developing a joint 1+1 Master's program and compiling curricula to support teaching and learning activities, thereby helping to improve the quality of teaching the two languages, Vietnamese and Chinese at the two schools.



Speaking at the signing ceremony, Mr. Do Tuan Minh, ULIS President and Mr. Sun Jianzhong, President of the partner University said that this official signing would create many good opportunities for the two universities.

The signing ceremony of cooperation agreement between ULIS and Hebei University of Foreign Studies ended successfully, ushering in many new opportunities for international cooperation between the two universities.

2. Meeting with University of Complutense Madrid (Spain)

On July 8th, 2022, ULIS-VNU welcomed a delegation from the University of Complutense Madrid (Spain) to discuss potential cooperation activities between the two sides.



At the meeting, Vice President Lam Quang Dong expressed his joy when ULIS received the interest and desire to cooperate from the University of Complutense Madrid. As Spanish is being taught as a second foreign language at ULIS, the Vice President believed that through future potential cooperation, students would have more opportunities to exchange and participate in Spanish language training courses at the University of Complutense Madrid. The cooperation in teaching Spanish for the University's students with the expected proficiency of B2 level was also proposed.

Not only committing to send the best teachers from Spain to support ULIS, representatives of the University of Complutense Madrid hoped to deploy many other activities to promote the relationship between the two universities. At the same time, the representatives offered suggestions for potential cooperation that the two sides could implement.

3. A comprehensive cooperation agreement with Vietravel Airlines signed

On July 27th, 2022, at Vu Dinh Lien Amphitheater, a cooperation agreement signing ceremony took place between ULIS – VNU and Vietravel Airlines.

Speaking at the ceremony, Mr. Vu Duc Bien - Member of the Board of Directors of Vietravel Corporation/General Director of Vietravel Airlines, as an alumnus of ULIS, expressed his anxiety when returning to his school. He rated ULIS as a cradle for foreign language training in Vietnam. He believed that language played an important role in helping to connect cultures and countries. Therefore, Vietravel Airlines chose ULIS as a reliable and potential partner to sign a long-term cooperation agreement.



In response, President Do Tuan Minh expressed his belief in the success of Vietravel Corporation in general and Vietravel Airlines in particular in the time to come.

At the ceremony, representatives of ULIS and Vietravel Airlines signed an official memorandum of understanding. The two sides agreed to comprehensively cooperate with each other in many fields.

The ceremony opened up new opportunities in domestic cooperation and support for the University's students.

4. More opportunities for students to study at Chien Hsin University of Science and Technology (Taiwan ROC)

On July 27th, 2022, ULIS-VNU held an introduction session on the exchange and internship program at Chien Hsin University of Science and Technology (Taiwan ROC) to provide ULIS students with useful information.

At the beginning of the introduction session, Vice President Ha Le Kim Anh said: "ULIS wishes that, through this opportunity, students will have a period of time to study and practice and have the opportunity to experience Taiwanese culture, acquire knowledge and develop skills while studying at Jianhing University".

Afterwards, Mr. Dai Qiudian - Chairman of the Taiwan Vocational Education Development Association shared, "Up until now, the Taiwan Vocational Education Development Association and Jianhing University have had a period of nearly 5 years of implementing the student exchange program in Vietnam and draws much attention from students of universities across the country".

Mr. Nguyen Duc Luan from the Office of International Education Scholarships then presented to the seminar information related to the Student Exchange and Internship Program.

A Q&A session was also held to answer questions from students about issues related to the program.

The introduction of the foreign exchange and internship program at Chien Hsin University of Science and Technology ended with excitement and expectations from ULIS students.

5. Experience exchange between Vietnam National University, Hanoi and Vietnam National University, Ho Chi Minh city

On August 2nd, 2022, an “Experience Exchange” program was organized between member universities of Vietnam National University, Hanoi and Vietnam National University, Ho Chi Minh City.

The event aimed for better experience exchange activities in the future to raise the management capacity and support students between the two national universities.

The event welcomed the delegation from different member universities of Vietnam National University, Ho Chi Minh city, including International University, University of Science, University of Social Sciences and Humanities, An Giang University, Ho Chi Minh University of Technology.



Delivering her speech at the event, Vice President Ha Le Kim Anh considered this a good opportunity for teachers of the two national universities to share experience, thereby coming up with suitable methods for students to apply. She also expected the participants to propose more ideas, plans and projects to support students.

Mr. Nguyen Minh Truong, Deputy Director of Politics and Students’ Affairs Department of Vietnam National University, Hanoi said that this event would bring meaningful results in the context of annual briefings which will be held between the two national universities in the upcoming time.

Representing VNU, Ho Chi Minh City, Ms. Dao Kim Oanh thanked ULIS and VNU, Hanoi for the warm welcome and shared her trust for the future cooperation between the two national universities through this event.

At the event, the delegates were divided in 4 groups. The four groups participated in a discussion session to confer about relevant matters.

The event ended with an exciting campus tour around ULIS.

6. Cooperation with AJOU University, Republic of Korea promoted

On August 12th, 2022, ULIS-VNU held a meeting with representatives from AJOU University.



The meeting discussed starting cooperation programs on exchanging students between the two universities. Also, a new course for ULIS’s students when studying at AJOU University was put forward to be implemented.

Founded in 1973, AJOU University is one of the best and biggest universities of technology in Republic of Korea. AJOU University is currently the top research university with 10 departments in the Republic of Korea. First founded as a university for technology, AJOU quickly developed Bachelor’s and Master’s programs on science, technology, medicine, business, social sciences, laws and arts.

7. Cooperation with ENTRY Joint Stock Company, Japan strengthened

On August 16th, 2022, ULIS-VNU held a meeting with ENTRY Joint Stock Company (Japan) to discuss cooperation in recruiting and organizing internships for ULIS students.

ENTRY Joint Stock Company had signed contracts and cooperated well with ULIS in the last few years. Recognized as one of the most successful companies in human resources, ENTRY has now become an essential human resource provider for the Japanese labor market and a friendly work environment which is dynamic and has lots of potential for internship.



At the meeting, ENTRY shared information about its development orientation as well as current activities. It is noteworthy that the company is planning to open its office in Hanoi and expanding a new business range in Vietnam. ENTRY looks forward to cooperating with ULIS in recruiting the University's students and creating favorable conditions for them to do internships in the company.

ULIS also spoke highly of ENTRY developments and wished to maintain this long-term relationship. ULIS looks forward to working with ENTRY more in other projects in the future.

ENTRY also intended to participate in ULIS Job fair this November.

7. MOU with ATF Finance Investing JSC signed

On August 24th, 2022, ULIS-VNU held a ceremony to sign an MOU with ATF Finance Investing JSC.



At the meeting, ULIS representatives and ATF company signed an MOU, agreeing to cooperate with each other in many different fields, especially in creating internship and job opportunities for students.

The second signing session was an MOU in developing and teaching English programs at Times Khai Son Multi-grade School and ULIS-VNU. The MOU focuses on advising, orienting and revising English programs, meanwhile developing skills for teachers at the school.

Delivering their speeches at the meeting, ULIS President Do Tuan Minh and ATF CEO Dao Xuan Dung spoke highly of the potential cooperation between the two sides. Each side looks forward to the sustainable and effective development of the other.

The ceremony ended successfully, opening up a long-term relationship between ULIS and ATF Investing Finance JSC.

8. More cooperation agreements between ULIS and HANCOM Group and YES Group (Korea) signed

On August 30th, 2022, ULIS-VNU held a ceremony to sign cooperation agreements between the University with HANCOM Group and YES Group (Korea) and receive funding from these partners.

At the ceremony, representatives of the parties signed 3 official memoranda of understanding, including an MOU between ULIS and HANCOM on HANCOM Group's sponsorship of equipment used to develop the project on organizing K-IBT and establishing a K-IBT Center, an MOU between ULIS and HANCOM on the implementation of K-IBT examination and an MOU between ULIS and YES Group on fostering scholarships for students.



Speaking at the ceremony, representatives of the three institutions expressed their expectations for the cooperation program, as well as their desire to further diversify cooperation activities to strengthen the Korean language training and research capacity.

Speaking highly of the implementation efforts and commitment of HANCOM group and YES group, President Do Tuan Minh confirmed that ULIS had established a working group to develop a joint project to organize the Korean language proficiency test (K-IBT) at ULIS. The President also invited the senior leaders of the two corporations to visit and work at ULIS.

9. MOU with VNPT Hanoi signed

On September 9th, 2022, ULIS-VNU and VNPT Hanoi held a signing ceremony of cooperation between the two sides.



At the event, Mr. Luong Cao Chi - Chief Representative of VNPT in Hanoi, Director of VNPT Hanoi expressed his desire to cooperate closely and substantively with the University in potential fields of both sides.

In response, President Do Tuan Minh expressed his belief in the success of the cooperation between the two sides in the coming time.

At the ceremony, representatives of ULIS and VNPT Hanoi signed an official memorandum of understanding, agreeing to cooperate in many fields.

10. New cooperation programs with EHLE Academy (Japan) signed

On September 19th, 2022, ULIS-VNU and EHLE Academy (Japan) held a meeting and agreed to sign a number of agreements for cooperation programs.

ULIS and EHLE Academy have signed a memorandum of understanding before. This time, the two sides agreed to sign a cooperation agreement to deploy two joint programs, including internship program and 100% job guarantee at Japanese enterprises; and program to improve Japanese language proficiency and working skills at Japanese enterprises. Therefore, participatory students will have many opportunities for scholarships and employment.



At the ceremony, representatives of the two schools signed a memorandum of agreement (MOA) on these two programs.

On behalf of the University, Vice President Lam Quang Dong affirmed that this cooperation agreement would certainly contribute to the development of the Faculty of Japanese Language and Culture in particular and ULIS in general, thereby creating more internship and job opportunities for students of the University. Mr. Keiichi Hasegawa, EHLE Academy President, expressed his expectation for new cooperation programs and put forward a number of further cooperation proposals.

III/ PROMINENT ACTIVITIES OF THE UNIVERSITY

1. Great opportunity from Sumitomo Foundation's research support program

On June 27th, 2022, ULIS-VNU held a seminar to introduce the research support program of the Sumitomo Foundation (Japan) in 2022.



Following the success of previous years, the seminar this year was conducted to improve the awareness of and share experience in applying for grants from the Sumitomo Foundation as well as applying for grants in general.

During the seminar, Mr. Kenichi Hamaya, Sumitomo Foundation representative, introduced in detail the procedures and steps to apply for funding from valuable capital for scientific research. At the same time, he shared a lot of interesting information about the Fund implementation in Vietnam and Asia, and answered many questions from teachers and researchers at the seminar.

2. Commencement for more than 700 QH.2018 graduates

With meaningful wishes and gratitude, the commencement for the QH.2018 cohort of the University of Languages and International Studies - Vietnam National University, Hanoi (ULIS – VNU) on July 3rd-4th, 2022 spread great and warm feelings.

At the ceremony, Ms. Nguyen Thuy Lan, Director of Academic Affairs Office read the decision to recognize the graduation for 781 QH.2018 students and the decision to reward the best students of the whole cohort.

Extending congratulations to the students, President Do Tuan Minh expressed his pride when witnessing the whole journey of the students at ULIS over the past 4 years.



At the graduation ceremony, celebrity singer Vu, a special guest appeared as a surprise gift for QH.2018 students.

On July 4th, 2022, commencement ceremony was solemnly held at Vu Dinh Lien amphitheater. President Do Tuan Minh and two Vice Presidents - Mr. Lam Quang Dong and Mr. Nguyen Xuan Long came on stage to directly cheer and present degrees to 781 new graduates this time. At the same time, the students all received gift packages, including cards with meaningful wishes written by ULIS teachers.

After finishing the ceremony at Vu Dinh Lien amphitheater, the new graduates moved to other places to celebrate their graduation with friends and teachers.

3. Seminar on teaching and learning English in the digital world

On July 22nd, 2022, ULIS – VNU, Victoria University of Wellington (VUW – New Zealand), and Education New Zealand (ENZ) jointly organized a seminar on teaching and learning English in the digital world.



The seminar is among activities to support learners within the framework of the international joint master's training program and has the participation of prestigious speakers from ULIS and Victoria University of Wellington (New Zealand).

Delivering her speech at the event, Vice President Ha Le Kim Anh believed that this seminar would offer very meaningful and useful content for graduate students. "ULIS looks forward to continuing to cooperate in organizing similar activities with Victoria University of Wellington", she added.

During the program, attendees listened to 5 presentations.

A discussion session was also organized. The delegates raised many interesting questions to the speakers.

4. Opening ceremony of training course on pedagogical skills for Korean language students

On July 25th, 2022, ULIS-VNU held the Opening Ceremony of the Pedagogy Training Course for Korean language students.

Delivering his speech at the ceremony, Vice President Lam Quang Dong emphasized the importance and purpose of the training course on pedagogical skills for Korean language students.

Mr. Park Kun-Hyung, CEO of Hancom GENIE-K, deeply thanked the leaders and staff of ULIS who, despite many difficulties, still made efforts to prepare thoroughly and professionally for the training course.

Ms. Jang Myung-Hee, General Director of Global Department of YES Group, on behalf of President Yoon Sung, expressed her honor to cooperate with Hancom Group and the University.

The opening ceremony of the pedagogical skills training course for Korean language students ended with group photos between ULIS and the two corporations, which marks a good start for the cooperation among the stakeholders.



5. ULIS students participate in the Vietnam - Korea Youth Exchange Program in 2022

The Ho Chi Minh Communist Youth Union Central Committee, the Vietnam National Committee for Youth, in collaboration with the Korean Ministry of Family and Gender Equality, organized the Vietnam - Korea Youth Exchange Program in 2022 with the participation of 20 Vietnamese and Korean youth delegates.

Here are pictures of 10 Vietnamese youth delegates attending the program, including 2 delegates from ULIS, Le Thanh Dat and Le Thi Nhu Quynh - students of the Faculty of Korean Language and Culture.



6. Closing 3rd course of Foreign Language Pedagogy for ULIS students

On July 28th, 2022, ULIS-VNU held the closing ceremony of the 3rd course of foreign language pedagogy for students of the University.



Delivering her speech at the ceremony, Vice President Ha Le Kim Anh expressed her emotion and pride in the development of the students after the course.

At the end of the course, 96 students were eligible to receive a certificate of foreign language pedagogy, 78/96 students completed the course and were granted a certificate of proficiency. On behalf of the Academic Affairs' Office, Director Nguyen Thuy Lan honored and granted scholarships to 3 students with the best achievements in the course: Tran Ngoc Huyen (100% scholarship), Nguyen Thu Thao (75% scholarship) and Tran Thi Hoai (50% scholarship).

This is the result the students have achieved after completing the course.

7. Opening ceremony for QH.2022 graduate first intake

On August 5th, 2022, ULIS-VNU organized an opening ceremony for the first intake of QH.2022 graduates and provided orientation to the graduate students.



Delivering her speech at the ceremony, Vice President Ha Le Kim Anh congratulated 54 Master's students and 8 PhD's students. She hoped this would be the time for students to create more memories, gain more experience and train their skills to keep their lasting passion throughout the course.

Representing the graduate students, Ms. Nguyen Thi Hai Giang shared her happiness and pride to be a member of ULIS. She believed that all the students would overcome all difficulties and challenges to complete the course and have meaningful time with ULIS.

At the end of the ceremony, information about the training program was provided by the Faculty of Graduate Studies.

8. CLC Day - MEET Gala 2022: 20th Anniversary of fast-track program of Faculty of English Language Teacher Education

On August 1st, 2022, ULIS-VNU celebrated the 20th anniversary of the fast-track training program in English language teacher education and conferred the certificate of merit to the Division of Fast-track Program of the Faculty of English Language Teacher Education.



During the event, Ms. Nguyen Thu Le Hang, Head of the Division briefly presented the progress within 20 years with many challenges as well as achievements of the Division. Since its deployment in 2001, teachers and students of the Division have always been working hard to reach their goals. Thanks to their determination and passion, this Division has gained significant achievements. In May, 2022, the program received a certificate for successfully completing the AUN-QA program assessment. In addition, the English fast-track program was highly rated by VNU assessment team in November, 2015.

Recognizing the good results that the Division has achieved over the past years, President Do Tuan Minh extended his congratulations and expressed his sharing about the history and tradition of the Division. The President also shared his feelings and thoughts about the Division, about all the challenges of the first days of deploying the program. However, thanks to that, the Division has overcome all the challenges, seized opportunities and become as successful as today.

Recognizing these results, President Do Tuan Minh awarded certificate of merit to the Division for its achievements in 20 years from 2002 to 2022.

In addition, in the 20th anniversary event, other activities were carried out such as exhibitions, Got Talent competition, leaving their memories in writing, etc. These exciting activities have partly added to the cohesion between the lecturers and the students of the Division.

The 20th anniversary of the Division of Fast-track Program in English Language Teacher Education ended successfully. All the Division teachers and students look forward to more achievements in the future.

9. International conference: “Teaching and Researching French and Francophone Culture”

On August 26th, 2022, ULIS-VNU cooperated with International Francophone Organization (OIF), AUF and France Embassy in Vietnam to organize an international conference “Teaching and Researching French and Francophone Culture”. This conference was held as part of the activities to commemorate the 60th Anniversary of the Faculty of French Language and Culture as well as a pre- UNC2023 event.

Delivered his speech at the conference, Vice President Lam Quang Dong said the conference was a good opportunity for home and overseas experts and linguists in teaching methodology, teachers, lecturers and students to exchange methods and practical experience in teaching French, the role of French culture in studying and teaching the language, thereby improvising the methods to better fit Vietnam society and education.

The conference was hosted online and offline and discussed 5 main topics: Teaching French, French literature, Francophone community culture, Language studies and Translation.



With the participation of many lecturers and researchers from 9 countries in the region and around the world, the Conference became a place where lecturers and scientists exchange and share experience, ideas, methods, research results, as while creating a large network of researchers in French language, French language teaching and Francophone cultures.

At the conference, 3 papers were presented at the plenary session and 61 papers were presented at the parallel session. The international conference “Teaching and Researching French and Francophone Culture” ended successfully. Activities in the runup to the 60th anniversary of the Faculty of French Language and Culture continued to be held on August 27th and 28th.

10. 60th anniversary of Faculty of French Language and Culture (1962-2022)

On August 28th, 2022, ULIS-VNU organized the 60th anniversary of Faculty of French Language & Culture “Faculty of French Language & Culture – One language – Thousand Doors”. This was a special occasion for generations of students of ULIS in general and the Faculty of French Language & Culture in particular to come back and meet their friends and teachers.



Representing ULIS, President Do Tuan Minh delivered his opening speech which spoke highly of the achievements of the Faculty of French Language & Culture over the past years and affirmed the role of the Faculty to the society and national education.

At the ceremony, the Faculty of French Language & Culture was honored to receive the Certificate of Merit from The Prime Minister recognizing their achievements to the country's development throughout its 60-year history.

Also on this occasion, Vietnam Education Trade Union awarded the Certificate of Merit to the Trade Union of the Faculty.

Dean of Faculty of French Language & Culture Dinh Hong Van shared his honor and pride to receive the Certificate of Merit of the Prime Minister, which is a recognition from the State leaders of the Faculty efforts over the past years.

Representing the distinguished guests, Ms. Tran Thi Mai Yen – Representative of OIF – Asia Pacific, Director of Asia Pacific French Center shared her honor to participate in this meaningful ceremony and affirmed to continue cooperating with ULIS and the Faculty in the future.

Ms. Nguyen Thi Nhung - an alumna of the Faculty expressed her happiness to be back at ULIS. She also hoped that French language at ULIS would become more and more popular and develop over time to achieve more goals in the future.

The ceremony ended successfully, marking a huge milestone in the long-standing history of the Faculty of French Language & Culture.

11. International Conference: “Teaching and learning Japanese in Vietnam from a multi-dimensional perspective”

On September 17th – 18th, 2022, ULIS-VNU held the International Conference: “Teaching and learning Japanese in Vietnam from a multi-dimensional perspective - Recruiting and ensuring the stability of foreign human resources in Japan and Asia”.

This is an important event within the framework of the 30th anniversary of teaching Japanese at ULIS-VNU (1992 - 2022) and also an activity within the framework of UNC 2023.

Delivering her speech at the opening ceremony, Vice President Ha Le Kim Anh affirmed that Vietnam was an attractive market for many enterprises in Japan to recruit workers. She hoped the conference would provide a lot of useful information and was an opportunity for scientists to openly exchange with one another, thereby creating a strong network of research connection and cooperation in the future.



On behalf of the organizing partner, Mr. Nishigori Jirou – President of the Association for Research on Human Resource Transformation in Asia/ Emeritus Professor of Tokyo Metropolitan University highly appreciated ULIS preparation for the conference. He also said that Japanese enterprises, which recruit Vietnamese people, needed to promote many exchange activities with Vietnamese people in particular and foreigners in general.

At the conference, many relevant and useful topics were presented in the discussion sessions, which were divided into 31 research reports in 06 panels. Accordingly, educators, experts, training organizations, researchers and enterprises could discuss specific and practical issues.

The international conference “Teaching and learning Japanese in Vietnam from a multi-dimensional perspective - Recruiting and ensuring the stability of foreign human resources in Japan and Asia” ended successfully with many positive results.

12. 30th anniversary of teaching Japanese at ULIS-VNU (1992-2022)

On September 18th, 2022, the 30th Anniversary of Teaching Japanese Language at ULIS-VNU took place at Nguyen Van Dao Hall.



Under the theme “30 years of pride”, this was an opportunity for the University to look back on its successful 30-year journey in teaching Japanese, from just 2nd foreign language classes to secondary level to undergraduate and graduate levels as today. The celebration was also an occasion of exchange for generations of teachers and students of the Faculty.

Delivering his speech at the ceremony, Vice President Nguyen Xuan Long warmly congratulated teachers and students of the Faculty of Japanese Language and Culture. After 30 years of development, the Faculty has gradually established its position and prestige in the field of training in general and teaching Japanese in particular across the country. He highly appreciated the achievements that the Faculty had achieved and the efforts of its lecturers and students over the course of 30 years, and expressed his great expectations for the future of the Faculty.

On behalf of the Faculty, Dean Dao Thi Nga My reviewed the difficulties that the Faculty experienced to forge the “Japanese spirit” with hardworking, studious, receptive and humble people.

Mr. Watanabe Shige, Deputy Ambassador of Japan to Vietnam, affirmed that with its 30-year history in teaching Japanese, ULIS-VNU would continue to play a central role in cooperation and linkage among universities, academic associations and organizations that are teaching Japanese, thereby further improving the teaching of Japanese and training of elite Japanese language human resources to strengthen the relationship between Japan and Vietnam in the future.

At the ceremony, the Faculty of Japanese Language and Culture was honored to receive the Certificate of Merit from VNU President for its outstanding contributions to the development of VNU.

Also at the ceremony, ULIS also extended its gratitude to former teachers and sponsors and received flowers of gratitude from generations of Japanese language students.

The 30th anniversary of teaching Japanese language at ULIS-VNU ended in an emotional atmosphere.

IV/ PROMINENT ACTIVITIES OF DEPARTMENTS

1. Opening ceremony of Korean language teacher training course in 2022

On July 1st, 2022, ULIS-VNU held the opening ceremony for the Korean Language Teacher Training Course in 2022 with the sponsorship of the Korean Language Center in Ho Chi Minh City under the representative agency of the Korean Ministry of Education in Ho Chi Minh City.

Addressing at the opening ceremony, Ms. Tran Thi Huong, Dean of Faculty of Korean Language and Culture affirmed that the determination to organize a training course for Korean language teachers is a testament to the continuous efforts of ULIS - VNU in developing a methodical Korean language education system in Vietnam.



Representative of ULIS leadership, Vice President Lam Quang Dong said that along with the development of Korean language in Vietnam, the demand for Korean language teachers was increasing day by day, which became the driving force for the university to organize this course.

Giving his congratulatory speech, Mr. Kim Daniel, Deputy Director of Korean Language Center in Ho Chi Minh City hoped that through the course, participants would contribute to improving the quality of Korean language education as the leading Korean language teachers in Vietnam.

The training course will be delivered by leading teachers in Korean Language and Korean Language Teaching Methodology of the Republic of Korea and Vietnam. The course includes theoretical and practical modules on teaching Korean language. According to the plan, after completing 34 credits in the course, participants will be granted a certificate on pedagogy (conferred by the University of Education, VNU) and a certificate of Korean language teaching (conferred by ULIS and the Korean Language Center in Ho Chi Minh City).

2. Opening ceremony of Vietnamese Language and Culture Course for Keimyung University students in 2022

On July 5th, 2022, ULIS-VNU held the opening ceremony of the Vietnamese Language and Culture course for students of Keimyung University (Korea) in 2022.



The course is organized within the framework of a joint agreement between the two universities, which has been realized by 6 previous courses. In 2022, the course will resume after interruption by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Delivering his speech at the ceremony, Vice President Lam Quang Dong extended his greetings to 14 Korean students of the course. He expressed his joy when ULIS was able to welcome students to the course again after 2 years of interruption.

On behalf of 14 Keimyung students, Park Won Jae extended his thanks to the teachers and students of the Faculty of Korean Language and Culture. Although experiencing many difficulties when coming to Vietnam to study, with the enthusiastic support and care from ULIS teachers and students, Park Won Jae hoped that he and the Korean students would have a great summer here.

3. Faculty of Russian Language and Culture successfully organized “Best Translators 2021-2022” Contest

The “BEST TRANSLATORS 2021-2022” is an annual contest organized by the Faculty of Russian Language and Culture to find excellent pieces of translation of Russian literary and poetic works from young translators, who are students of the Faculty as well as Russian language learners in general.



The contest received 44 entries of 30 students and alumni of the Faculty.

On July 4th, 2022, the Faculty of Russian Language & Culture organized an honoring ceremony to award prizes to 13 candidates who won high prizes in the contest.

4. Finale of English speaking contest “Silver Lining 2022” held

On July 11th, 2022, the Faculty of English Language Teacher Education held the Final Round of the English speaking contest “Silver Lining 2022” for over 200 QH.2021 students.

After competing for 2 rounds in June, the six best students were selected to participate in the finale.

In the finale, the contestants went through two thrilling rounds with the main topic of today’s youth behavior on social media.

The Silver Lining 2022 was a useful playground for the students, giving them the opportunity to learn and improve their understanding, language skills as well as be inspired to strive in the future.



Prominent results in the third quarter of 2022:

1. Organized undergraduate and graduate enrollment (2nd phase) in 2022 to ensure sufficient quantity and good quality;
2. Completed the dossier of the project on opening an undergraduate training major called “Transnational Culture and Communication” and submit it to VNU for approval;
3. Completed the university quality accreditation (period 2021 – 2026), drafting the self-assessment reports of FLSS, Korean language, Chinese language, French language and Japanese language training programs;
4. Developed plans and implement science and technology activities under the framework of UNC 2023 in localities;
5. Completed the renovation of floors 4-8 of Block A2, evaluated teaching and learning equipment for the school year 2022-2023.

Crucial tasks in the fourth quarter of 2022:

1. To finalize the self-assessment reports and prepare for the external assessments of 04 training programs (French, Japanese, Chinese and Korean languages);
2. To organize the IGRS 2022 Symposium for graduate students and organize conferences within the framework of UNC2023;
3. To review the three-year implementation of the Project on renovating teaching activities at ULIS-VNU (2019-2020; 2020-2021; 2021-2022) and implement training programs toward autonomous orientation;
4. To organize the mid-term review of the implementation of the Resolution of the Congress of the Party Committee of ULIS-VNU (2020-2025).



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