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FROM THE EDITORS

Our dear readers,

2023 has gone by and another year has begun. The last three months of 2023 witnessed a number of large-scale and outstanding events and activities of ULIS, including the Inauguration of academic year 2023-2024 and “Hello ULIS 2023”; Hangeulnal Festival 2023; review conference of activities of ULIS Youth Union and Students’ Association in 2022-2023 school year and deploying the plan for 2023-2024 school year; ULIS Quality Day in 2023; 2023 Cooperation and Development Conference; etc.

At the beginning of 2024, the University will be organizing a number of major activities such as Vietnamese Students’ Day and Lunar New Year; ULIS Job Fair 2024; etc.

Reflecting prominent achievements of the University with pride and gratitude towards the endless dedication and endeavors of each and every one in ULIS, as well as the support from our honorable partners, ULIS would like to extend its best wishes towards all those individuals and institutions.

Happy new year 2024!





I/ PROMINENT ACTIVITIES OF ULIS LEADERS

1. Meeting with new Chief Representative of Asia-Pacific Office of International Francophone Organization

On October 3rd, 2023, ULIS-VNU held a meeting with Mr. Edgar Doerig - Chief Representative of the Asia-Pacific Office of the International Francophonie Organization (OIF), promising to usher in further prospects in cooperation between the two sides.



Addressing the meeting, President Nguyen Xuan Long congratulated Mr. Edgar Doerig on his appointment as Chief Representative of OIF's Asia-Pacific Office and wished him a good term ahead.

In response, Mr. Edgar Doerig spoke highly the quality of French language training at ULIS. He expected that there would be more activities in the coming time for experience sharing and training cooperation to further develop and popularize the French language at ULIS as well as in Vietnam.

On this occasion, the two sides proposed ideas for future cooperation. The successful meeting created more prospects for a fruitful cooperative relationship between the two sides.

2. Meeting with mission of Singaporean Ministry of Education

On November 8th, 2023, ULIS-VNU held a meeting with the mission of Singaporean Ministry of Education to discuss cooperation in implementing the ASEAN scholarship program.

At the meeting, Vice President Hoa Ngoc Son hoped that the University could cooperate closely with Singaporean Ministry of Education to develop the relationship between the two sides and create more opportunities for UMS students to study and exchange in the country.

In response, Mr. Eugene Leong Chee Gin – representative of Singaporean Ministry of Education spoke highly of the University's training perspective and the development potential of UMS students. Mr. Eugene Leong Chee Gin also hoped to contribute to promoting the cooperation between UMS and schools in Singapore.



During the meeting, representatives of Singaporean Ministry of Education shared detailed information about the ASEAN scholarship and the scholarship award process. In addition, representatives of both sides made a number of proposals and suggestions in implementing cooperation between UMS and Singaporean Ministry of Education.

3. Meeting with Asia Regional Director of Southern New Hampshire University, USA

On November 17th, 2023, ULIS-VNU held a reception and working session with Ms. Vicky Teo - Asia Regional Director of Southern New Hampshire University (USA).



Speaking at the meeting, representative of Southern New Hampshire University, Ms. Vicky Teo spoke highly of the cooperative relationship between the two schools as well as the joint program in Economics - Finance.

The two sides also discussed the organization of exchange delegations (leaders of the two universities visit and work at headquarter of each other) as well as implementation of training programs in Economics and Finance in the time to come.

At the meeting, Dr. Do Tuan Minh, Chairman of the University Council extended his deep thanks to Ms. Vicky Teo as well as the leaders of Southern New Hampshire University for their cooperation, especially in coordinating the Bachelor program on Economics and Finance.

President Nguyen Xuan Long hoped that the two schools would continue coordinating with each other to renovate the program and looked forward to welcoming the Southern New Hampshire University delegation to visit ULIS in the near future.

4. Meeting with delegation of Korean Defense Counterintelligence Command (DCC)

On December 6th, 2023, ULIS – VNU held a meeting with the delegation of the Korean Defense Counterintelligence Command.

Delivering his speech at the meeting, Vice President Hoa Ngoc Son hoped that in the coming time, the DCC would be able to further promote Vietnamese language training for Koreans at ULIS.

At the meeting, Major General So Hyung Ki proposed ULIS continue to create favorable conditions and build a healthy learning environment for Korean students and officials who want to study Vietnamese language at the school.

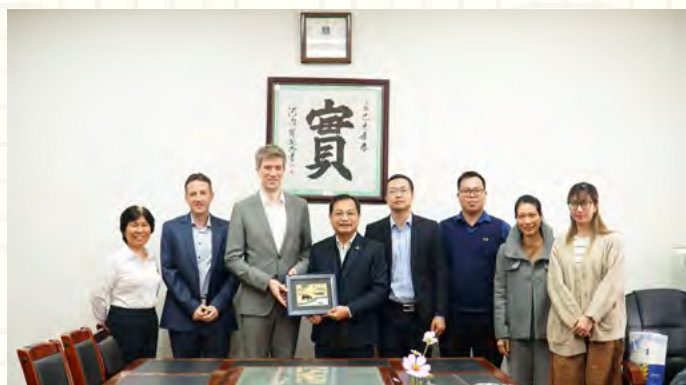


Dr. Tran Thi Huong, Dean of the Faculty of Korean Language and Culture, then introduced the Korean training activities at ULIS.

5. Meeting with new Chief Representative of German Academic Exchange Service

On December 7th, 2023, ULIS-VNU held a meeting with Mr. Felix Wagenfeld, Chief Representative of the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD).

At the meeting, Vice President Hoa Ngoc Son proposed that the two sides to actively cooperate with each other through organizing summer camps and student exchanges to usher in the best development opportunities for students of the two countries.



Speaking at the meeting, the Chief Representative of the German Academic Exchange Service shared information about scholarships and study opportunities to ULIS students.



II/ COOPERATION & DEVELOPMENT

1. Meeting with IBT College (Canada)

On October 6th, 2023, ULIS-VNU welcomed and worked with a delegation from IBT College Business Travel and Tourism Technology (Canada).

Delivering his speech at the meeting, President Nguyen Xuan Long expressed his joy when welcoming the delegation from IBT College and hoped that the meeting would further strengthen the friendship between the two institutions.

Representative of the IBT College hoped that this meeting would be a premise to develop a cooperative relationship between the two institutions in the future.



At the meeting, the two sides actively made proposals and discussed potential cooperation activities such as organizing trainings, designating volunteer lecturers, professional and cultural experiences in Vietnam and so on.

2. Work with PHER Project on implementing activities for 2023-2024 school year

On October 9th, 2023, ULIS-VNU met and worked with the PHER Project (Partnership for Higher Education Reform). The project is implemented to improve key educational capacity at many universities in Vietnam.



At the meeting, representative of the PHER Project presented a general overview of the project, its operations and applications to the teaching and learning program in the new school year 2023-2024.

Delivering her speech at the meeting, Vice President Ha Le Kim Anh shared the main pillars associated with university governance renovation as well as the desire to focus on internal quality assurance and human resource development.

In addition, representatives of units under ULIS raised their expectations and expressed their desire to receive support from the PHER project in teaching and scientific research.

In response, the PHER project representatives put forward several feasible solutions.

3. Meeting with representatives of Eurasia Japan Foundation

On October 18th, 2023, ULIS-VNU welcomed and worked with representatives of the Eurasia Foundation Japan. Also within the framework of the program, representatives of the foundation delivered a lecture and engaged in a vigorous discussion with many students.

At the meeting, Vice President Hoa Ngoc Son expressed his expectations about research cooperation between the University and the Foundation. He also made proposals on research cooperation with members of the One Asia Foundation.



Prof. Joon-Kon Chung - representative of Eurasia Foundation once again emphasized the importance of the sense of community, especially in the Asian region and hoped to cooperate with ULIS in a more intensive manner.

Prof. Joon-Kon Chung also attended lectures and interacted with ULIS students. With the theme “Towards a new community”, he imparted new knowledge and perspectives on social issues, the concept of sense of community, and multi-dimensional thinking.

In particular, at the end of his lecture, ULIS students had the opportunity to engage in a Q&A session with the professor.

4. Meeting with Jean Moulin Lyon 3 University, France

On October 19th, 2023, ULIS-VNU held a meeting with representatives of Jean Moulin Lyon 3 University (France). The meeting took place in a constructive spirit, promising many cooperative activities between the two sides in the future.



Delivering his speech at the meeting, Vice President Hoa Ngoc Son hoped that this exchange would be a premise to open up more opportunities for deeper cooperation between the two schools, especially in academic program development and course design.

In response, Mr. Manuel Jobert, representative of Jean Moulin Lyon 3 University expressed his desire to cooperate in the long term with ULIS.

The two sides also discussed more about practical and long-term cooperation activities between ULIS and Jean Moulin Lyon 3 University.

5. Meeting with Chief Representative of Wallonia Brussels Delegation in Vietnam

On October 23rd, 2023, ULIS-VNU held a meeting with Mr. Pierre Du Ville - Chief Representative of the Wallonia Brussels Delegation in Vietnam to discuss cooperation between the two sides.

At the meeting, Vice President Hoa Ngoc Son extended his warm greetings and sincere thanks for the companionship and support of the Wallonia - Brussels Delegation in Vietnam to the university's training and cultural activities.

After that, the two sides discussed prospects for cooperation in the time to come.

Mr. Pierre Du Ville also had a private meeting with the leadership of the Faculty of French Language and Culture to discuss cooperation opportunities in training, research and cultural activities.



6. Meeting with representatives of Chinese Taipei Testing and Training Center

On October 27th, 2023, ULIS - VNU held a meeting with Dr. Jessica Wu - Director of the Cooperation and Development Department of Chinese Taipei Testing and Training Center.



Delivering his speech at the meeting, Vice President Lam Quang Dong thanked the Chinese Taipei Testing Center for its support and assistance in ULIS testing and assessment activities. He believed that both sides could develop more new directions of cooperation in the future.

At the meeting, Dr. Wu shared her experience in building and developing the GEPT and BESTEP English proficiency tests over the past 20 years. Her interesting and useful sharing received attention and many positive comments from participants in the meeting.

7. Meeting with American Councils held

On November 7th, 2023, ULIS-VNU held a meeting with representatives of the American Councils to discuss the cooperation in training and student exchange.

At the meeting, Vice President Hoa Ngoc Son believed that the cooperation with American Councils in implementing student exchange activities was a great premise for developing the relationship between the two sides.

In response, Mr. Douglas Reardon - representative of American Councils hoped that through the upcoming activities, they would help young people in the two countries increase their understanding, forge new relationships and gain new knowledge.

In addition, the two sides discussed the implementation plan and curriculum, and made many other cooperation proposals.



8. Meeting with Japanese Student Support Center (JASSO)

On November 27th, 2023, ULIS-VNU held a meeting with the delegation of the Japan Student Support Center (JASSO) under the Japanese Ministry of Education and Science (MEXT).



At the meeting, Vice President Ha Le Kim Anh hoped that the University could cooperate closely with the Center to develop the relationship between the two sides and create more opportunities for students to study and exchange in Japan.

In response, Ms. Osawa Noriko - Director of JASSO representative office in Vietnam spoke highly of the development potentials of ULIS students and hoped to contribute to promoting cooperation between ULIS and schools in Japan.

After specific discussions, the meeting ended, ushering in new opportunities for ULIS to cooperate with Japanese partners as well as development opportunities for the University's students.

8. Meeting with Moscow University of Linguistics, Russia

On November 30th, 2023, ULIS-VNU held a meeting with Moscow University of Linguistics, Russian to discuss potential cooperation between the two sides.

At the meeting, Vice President Hoa Ngoc Son emphasized the desire for Moscow University of Linguistics to support and facilitate ULIS students with opportunities to study and exchange in Russia.

In response, Mr. Grachev Georgii - Vice President of Moscow University of Linguistics spoke highly of the potentials for cooperation between the two sides. He proposed that the two sides would implement innovation in teaching methods, organizing seminars, joint-degree training, etc.



Regarding the exchange of international students between the two sides, Russian representatives expressed their willingness to give the best attention and incentives to ULIS students. In addition, they praised Vietnamese students for being highly disciplined, united and always supporting each other during their study in Russia.

9. Meeting with delegations of Russian Federation universities

On December 5th, 2023, ULIS - VNU held a meeting with delegations from Vernadsky Crimean Federal University and Herzen University (Russia).



At the meeting, Dr. Luu Manh Kien - Director of the Cooperation and Development Office, expressed his desire to receive close support from Vernadsky Crimean Federal University and Herzen University in activities such as exchanging students and lecturers, organizing cultural exchange programs, etc.

In response, representatives of Vernadsky Crimean Federal University and Herzen University spoke highly of the initial effectiveness of the cooperation between all parties. The Russian universities also proposed that the two sides actively cooperate with each other through organizing exchange courses to usher in the best learning and development opportunities for students from Vietnam and Russia.

10. Meeting with representatives of Carleton University (USA)

On November 30th, 2023, ULIS-VNU held a meeting with Dr. Arthur McKeown from Carleton University, USA, coming to work with the University on a number of professional activities and academic exchange between students of ULIS and Carleton University.



Delivering her speech at the meeting, Vice President Ha Le Kim Anh welcomed Dr. Arthur McKeown to ULIS and thanked him for his enthusiasm in proposing cooperation activities and sharing collaboration opportunities between the two sides.

At the meeting, the two sides agreed on important activities to coordinate together in the time to come. The exchange results focused on the following points:

1. Developing an exchange plan for students from both sides;
2. Inviting Dr. Arthur McKeown to be a visiting lecturer for several courses;
3. Proposing to cooperate with the Carleton University to provide cultural exchange training to ULIS students and staff.



11. Meeting with representatives of University of Huddersfield, UK held

On December 8th, 2023, ULIS-VNU held a meeting with representatives of the University of Huddersfield (UK) to discuss potential cooperation in the future.



At the meeting, Mr. Wayne Bailey shared some outstanding information about the University of Huddersfield.

In response, Vice President Lam Quang Dong introduced the development history and training scale of ULIS, with additional information about the language and culture majors, especially the pedagogical orientation of the students majoring in foreign languages.

At the meeting, representatives of the two sides discussed the potential and orientation of implementing specific cooperative activities in time to come.



III/ PROMINENT ACTIVITIES OF THE UNIVERSITY

1. Student exchange between ULIS and Islamic Science University of Malaysia (USIM)

On October 2nd, 2023, ULIS – VNU organized an exchange program with the lecturers and students from Islamic Science University of Malaysia at Vu Dinh Lien Amphitheater.



Addressing the exchange, Vice President Hoa Ngoc Son extended his greetings to the group of teachers and 24 students from USIM to ULIS this time.

Speaking at the meeting, Dr. Zalika Adam, head of the mission, shared about Arabic language teaching activities at USIM. In addition, the representative of the visiting delegation expressed her emotions when visiting ULIS and receiving the gracious welcome here.

Also, during the exchange, students from USIM and ULIS shared about their Arabic language learning experiences while studying in Malaysia and Vietnam. This activity has connected students, brought them closer to the cultures and lifestyles of the two countries and demonstrated the tight friendship among the students in particular and between Vietnam and Malaysia in general.

2. ULIS participates in 15th Congress “Russian language and Russian literature in a changing world”

On September 12th – 16th, 2023, in the city of Saint-Peterburg (Russia), the 15th Congress “Russian language and literature in a changing world” was successfully organized by the International Association of Teachers of Russian Language and Literature (MAPRYAL).

This is the biggest event for Russian linguists around the world with 533 delegates from 63 countries, who are experts and scholars in linguistics, pedagogy, literature, translation and interpretation.

ULIS was honored and proud to have 02 lecturers of the Faculty of Russian Language and Culture participating in the event to present their research as well as exchange, discuss, connect, share knowledge and experience in teaching Russian with friends and colleagues around the world.



3. Hangeulnal Festival 2023

On October 7th, 2023, in the atmosphere of the 577th anniversary of Hangeul, the Korean alphabet, the Faculty of Korean Language and Culture and King Sejong Academy Hanoi 2 organized the 2023 Hangeulnal Festival. Many exciting experiential activities were held to attract interested students.

Opening the program were exciting dance and singing performances.

After that, Ms. Eum Min Jin – speaker of the event introduced the history of formation and development of the Korean alphabet Hangeul and Hangeulnal celebration. She also shared with the students about the unique features of the Korean alphabet.



In addition, the organizers prepared many activities for students to experience Korean culture such as enjoying Korean cuisine, participating in traditional games or trying on traditional Hanbok costumes and others.

4. Inauguration of academic year 2023-2024 and “Hello ULIS 2023” held

On October 8th, 2023, ULIS-VNU organized the inauguration of the academic year 2023-2024 and “Hello ULIS 2023” program with the participation of lecturers, staff, guests and more than 1000 students.



The inauguration program for the new school year 2023-2024 began with a video to welcome new students.

At the program, the university awarded certificates of merit to honor 14 valedictorians in 2023.

On this occasion, representatives of ULIS leadership presented letters of thanks to sponsors for the Green Dream Scholarship Fund and the Creative Startup Fund.

The UI Awards for Innovation were also presented to 13 outstanding students who had recorded high achievements in scientific research, innovation and entrepreneurship. The University also awarded the Green Dream scholarships to 46 students to encourage and motivate them to strive more in their study.

Also, representative of the ULIS alumni network introduced the program to accompany new students with the message: “Always proud to be a ULIS student”.

Moreover, to help and support new students in their study, the Academic Ambassador Program for the 2023-2024 school year was officially launched.

The school also presented the ULIS traditional flag to representatives of the freshmen, showing the determination to unite and create opportunities this school year.

The program also featured an introduction session of all faculties and departments at ULIS to the freshmen, followed by a plethora of extremely impressive musical performances by the very freshmen.

Finally, the freshmen had the opportunity to enjoy the performances of guest singers.

5. Review conference of activities of ULIS Youth Union and Students' Association in 2022-2023 school year and deploying the plan for 2023-2024 school year

On October 8th, 2023, ULIS – VNU held a conference to review the activities of ULIS Youth Union and Students' Association in the 2022-2023 school year and deploy the plan for the school year 2023-2024.

The conference reviewed the implemented activities to learn from the shortcomings and limitations of the 2022 - 2023 school year, thereby proposing a direction for the 2023 - 2024 school year with specific activities and plans, which promise a very exciting school year ahead.

At the Conference, ULIS Youth Union's secretary Nguyen Hoang Giang shared the orientations for new tasks in the school year as well as the increasing role of members of Youth Union and Students' Association at all levels in the Youth Union movement.



The conference also received instructions, directions, and orders from ULIS leaderships.

Many outstanding groups and individuals were also honored by the standing committee of ULIS Youth Union.

In the new school year, ULIS Students' Association welcomed nearly 2000 more members who are students from all over the country. At this event, Mr. Khuc Nam Cuong, Vice President of the Association read the decision to approve the admission of the new members.

5. Short-term Vietnamese language training course for students of JCFL School (Japan) in 2023 held

On November 6th, 2023, ULIS-VNU held the opening ceremony of a short-term Vietnamese language training course for the 5th cohort of students of Japan College of Foreign Languages (JCFL). The course “Study Tour: Discover Vietnam” lasted two weeks from November 5th - 18th, 2023.



Delivering his speech at the opening ceremony, Vice President Hoa Ngoc Son hoped that JCFL students would have a wonderful experience not only at ULIS, but also in Vietnam in general.

Representing JCFL, Ms. Sugie Miho thanked ULIS for continuing to actively support the implementation of the program and believed that JCFL students would have a meaningful time studying at ULIS.

6. ULIS Quality Day in 2023

On November 6th, 2023, ULIS-VNU held the ULIS Quality Day in 2023.

Delivering his speech at the opening ceremony, President Nguyen Xuan Long hoped that teachers from all units could give suggestions and propose the appropriate time and forms to organize training on quality accreditation and quality assurance so that ULIS could achieve more success, thereby ensuring that all graduates satisfy learning outcome standards, employers' expectations and requirements.

In the program, a number of reports and presentations were delivered, providing information about quality accreditation and innovation at the school and at specific units.

In the program, the ULIS Quality Assurance Council was officially launched with 29 members and chaired by Dr. Do Tuan Minh, Chairman of the University Council.

Also on this occasion, President Long extended his thanks to the former leaders of the Quality Assurance Center.

In his closing speech, Dr. Do Tuan Minh, Chairman of the University Council said that the University's desire was to cement its prestigious signature with the word "Quality".



7. (UNC 2024) Conference “Teaching English for Specific Purposes: Perspectives, Policies and Practices”

On November 10th, 2023, at Sunwah Hall, the Conference “Teaching English for Specific Purposes: Perspectives, Policies and Practices” took place. As an activity within the framework of UNC2024, the conference was organized with the goal of creating a forum to discuss issues surrounding English teaching, thereby providing suggestions and recommendations on innovating teaching methods.



Delivering his speech at the opening ceremony, Vice President of VNU International University Nguyen Van Dinh hoped that the conference could create a forum for participating lecturers to share knowledge, experiences and together build a community to improve foreign language teaching.

Mr. To Trung Thanh, representative of the National Economics University, discussed the use of English for Specific purposes.

ULIS Vice President Lam Quang Dong extended his thanks to the two co-organizers and expressed his expectations for the rich contributions of the presenters and participants at the conference.

At the plenary session, Mr. Shin Yong Sun – the keynote speaker gave a presentation on “Evaluating specialized English in university English programs”.

After that, the participants were divided into 4 parallel sessions to present and discuss issues related to innovative teaching methods, applying theory to practice and applying technology to English translation.

8. “UIS - Creative Startup Incubation Space” Opened

In order to promote the spirit of innovation, scientific research and entrepreneurship among students of the university, and open more space for students’ activities and experiences, on November 10th, 2023, ULIS-VNU jubilantly opened UIS - Creative Startup Incubation Space on the 3rd floor of Block A9.

In his opening remarks, President Nguyen Xuan Long hoped that the opening of ULIS Incubation Space would become a steppingstone to encourage the spirit of innovation, scientific research and entrepreneurship among students.

Following the program, Chairman of ULIS Council Do Tuan Minh expressed his hope that this area would be a green - clean - serene working and relaxing environment for teachers and students to enjoy.



The ceremony was then followed by a mini show and musical performances to welcome the opening of the space.

By building an open space with full and free services and facilities, UIS promises to be an ideal working and relaxing setting for students and lecturers of the University.

8. ULIS welcomes assessment team to officially assess quality of 5 teacher training programs

On November 21st-25th, 2023, ULIS-VNU welcomed and worked with the external assessment team from the Center for Education Quality Accreditation - Vinh University to officially assess the quality of 5 Bachelor teacher training programs in English, Chinese, German, Japanese, and Korean languages for the period 2018-2023.



Delivering his speech at the opening ceremony, Dr. Do Tuan Minh, Chairman of the University Council believed that with suggestions from the assessment team, the university could further improve the quality of its training programs, contributing to building a happy ULIS.

At the opening ceremony, Vice President Lam Quang Dong affirmed that the University would focus on improving the efficiency of training programs for more achievements in education.

The official survey to assess the quality of 05 teacher training programs at ULIS - VNU lasted 4 working days. The delegation applied methods such as information collection, document review, interview, cross-checking, etc. The assessment exercise successfully concluded on November 24th, 2023.

9. Conference on implementation of Project on Innovating Graduate Training

On December 2nd, 2023, ULIS-VNU held a Conference on the implementation of the Project on Innovating Graduate Training for the period 2023-2028.

In his opening remarks, Dr. Do Tuan Minh, Chairman of the University Council said that this was an important project with the goal of creating fundamental changes in the quality of training and supporting learners to achieve their goals through learning, training and research experiences at the graduate level at ULIS. With efforts from the University, he also hoped that graduate students would strongly support this Project.

After that, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Nguyen Thi Mai Huong, Senior Lecturer of the Faculty of Graduate Studies, introduced the main features of the Project on Innovating Graduate Training at ULIS - VNU, period 2023-2028.



Dr. Huynh Anh Tuan - Dean of the Faculty shared upcoming activities that would be implemented.

Following that, an introduction on the advantages of 4 new modules in graduate training programs was delivered.

At the end of the conference, an exchange and discussion about gathering and training a team of lecturers for new modules in graduate training programs took place. The participants actively commented and proposed suggestions on contents of the Project.

10. 2023 Cooperation and Development Conference

On December 4th, 2023, ULIS-VNU organized the 2023 Cooperation and Development Conference.



Delivering his speech at the conference, Dr. Do Tuan Minh, Chairman of the University Council emphasized the importance of cooperation and development affairs and affirmed that ULIS needed to actively propose many measures to promote this mandate.

At the conference, Vice President Hoa Ngoc Son presented “Report on cooperation and development of ULIS in the period 2018-2023”.

Also, six papers were presented at the conference.

The follow-up discussion was highly vibrant with participants actively sharing practices in development and cooperation, difficulties and achievements of their departments.

11. Spouse of Vietnamese President Phan Thi Thanh Tam and Prof. Peng Liyuan, spouse of General Secretary of the Communist Party and President of People’s Republic of China exchange with ULIS students

On December 13rd, 2023, Prof. Peng Liyuan, spouse of General Secretary of the Communist Party and State President of People’s Republic of China and Ms. Phan Thi Thanh Tam, spouse of State President of Socialist Republic of Vietnam visited VNU and interacted with students here. Participating in the exchange program, ULIS students impressed the two spouses with their Chinese speaking ability and artistic talent through unique musical performances.

At the exchange, ULIS students shared and expressed their interest in Chinese language, culture, cinema, costumes, and the friendship between Vietnam and China through cultural exchange, academic cooperation and mutual visits, etc.



Prof. Peng Liyuan expressed her impression of the Chinese speaking ability of the students.

She also emphasized that in the context that China and Vietnam are promoting increasingly practical and effective cooperation, young people and students played an important role. She hoped that the two sides would have many opportunities to exchange and cooperate with each other so that the young generation can thrive.



Next, the two spouses and other delegates enjoyed art programs with many impressive performances by ULIS students.

IV/ PROMINENT ACTIVITIES OF DEPARTMENTS

1. Opening ceremony of Korean Language Teacher Training Program in Vietnam in 2023

On October 2nd, 2023, ULIS-VNU held the opening ceremony of the Korean Language Teacher Training Program in Vietnam in 2023. The course was co-organized by ULIS and the Korean Language Center in Ho Chi Minh City (an affiliation of the Korean Ministry of Education in Vietnam).



In her opening speech, Dr. Tran Thi Huong, Dean of the Faculty of Korean Language and Culture, welcomed and thanked the students for joining the 2023 Korean Teacher Training Program.

Delivering his speech at the ceremony, Vice President Lam Quang Dong affirmed that the Korean Language Teacher Training Program was one of the key projects jointly organized annually by the Korean Ministry of Education and ULIS.

Delivering his congratulatory speech at the opening ceremony, Mr. Kil Ho Jin - Director of the Korean Language Center in Ho Chi Minh City hoped that through the course, students would be able to contribute to improvement of the quality of Korean language education in Vietnam.

The training course has the participation of leading teachers in Korean Language and Korean Teaching Methodology from Republic of Korea and Vietnam. The course includes theoretical and practical modules on Korean language teaching. According to the 2023 plan, after completing 35 credits in the course, students will be granted a pedagogical certificate (issued by VNU University of Education) and a Korean language teaching certificate (issued by ULIS and Korean Language Center in Ho Chi Minh City).

2. ULIS students interact with Russian writer Evgeny Vodolazkin and Translator Phan Xuan Loan

On October 9th, 2023, ULIS-VNU held a meeting with Russian author - writer Evgeny Vodolazkin and translator Phan Xuan Loan, who share about the novel “Pilot” with ULIS students.

At the meeting, participants listened to the author of “Pilot” - one of Russia’s best-selling books, sharing about its content, and historical and philosophical themes integrated in the masterpiece. The experience during the process of translating the novel into Vietnamese was also revealed by translator Phan Xuan Loan.

The meeting left many good impressions in the hearts of lecturers and students of the Faculty of Russian Language and Culture, helping students to better understand the Russian culture, people and the country herself, strengthen the love for Russian language and Russian literature, and arouse passion for translation among students.



3. ULIS students exchange with and learn about Japanese businesses

On October 24th, 2023, ULIS – VNU held an exchange with a delegation including representatives of EHLE Academy and 15 Japanese Enterprises.



In the program, many activities took place such as introducing and learning about businesses, performing arts, organizing exchanges between students and businesses, taking group photos, etc.

Delivering his speech at the exchange, Dr. Do Tuan Minh, Chairman of the University Council hoped that this exchange would give Japanese businesses a view of the future development of Vietnam. He also hoped that the businesses could find good opportunities to recruit Vietnamese young manpower.

Representing EHLE Academy, Mr. Hasegawa Keiichi – President of the Academy Council believed that promoting exchanges like this would contribute to motivating students to learn about job opportunities in Japan and also hoped to strengthen the close cooperation between the two institutions.

After that, there was an introduction about Japanese businesses and the Faculty of Japanese Language and Culture. At the same time, students of the Faculty of Japanese Language and Culture had the opportunity to interact, learn and talk directly with representatives of Japanese businesses.

At the end of the exchange, on behalf of the University, Chairman of the University Council Do Tuan Minh presented gifts and extended his thanks to representatives of 15 Japanese Enterprises.

4. International students cook traditional Vietnamese dishes

On October 25th, 2023, a group of international students studying Vietnamese at ULIS - VNU had a hands-on experience of Vietnamese cuisine through an exchange with the University lecturers and staff.

This is an activity to experience Vietnamese culinary culture within the framework of their course.

In this experiential learning session, international students from Japan, Korea, Laos, Cambodia, China and others learned about and directly made a traditional Vietnamese dish - fried spring rolls. The students prepared ingredients, rolled & fried spring rolls, presented and enjoyed the food.



The students confidently presented and narrated the process of making spring rolls in Vietnamese to the teachers.

5. Exchange with delegation of Central Queensland University, Australia

On October 30th, 2023, ULIS-VNU organized an exchange session with a delegation from Central Queensland University (Australia).



Speaking at the exchange, Ms. Nguyen Thi Hong Nhung - Dean of the Faculty of English Language Teacher Education introduced ULIS and the Faculty. She also expressed her honor to welcome the Australian delegation to work with and exchange at the University.

In response, the representative of the Central Queensland University delegation expressed her excitement when having the opportunity to visit ULIS. She also appreciated the hospitality of Vietnamese people in general and ULIS students in particular.

The program was followed by gift and photo session. After that, the delegation moved to each class to interact with students of the school.

6. International students study and experience Vietnamese culture in Ninh Binh and Bat Trang

On November 16th, 2023, a group of international students studying Vietnamese at ULIS - VNU took part in a field trip to explore and experience Vietnamese culture in Ninh Binh province and Bat Trang village.

This is an activity to experience Vietnamese culture within the framework of the course.

In this trip, international students from various countries, including Japan, Republic of Korea, Laos, Cambodia, China and others visited and learned about Vietnamese culture at famous landmarks in Ninh Binh province and Bat Trang village in Hanoi.

The international students shared that they understood a lot more about Vietnamese culture after the field trip.



This is a meaningful activity to help international students gain more understanding and have great memories and practical experiences during their time at ULIS in particular and in Vietnam in general.

6. Cultural exchange between students of Singapore University of Social Sciences and Humanities and ULIS students

On December 9th, 2023, ULIS-VNU welcomed a delegation of students and lecturers from the Singapore University of Social Sciences and Humanities to participate in the cultural exchange program between students of the two schools.



During the exchange session, ULIS students majoring in Economics - Finance guide the Singaporean students on a tour of the ULIS campus and introduced unique “check-in” corners at the school.

Following the program, Singaporean students introduced to Vietnamese students about the beautiful country of Singapore with its famous dishes, tourist attractions, etc.

At the end of the program, ULIS students together with SUSH peers visited and explored Hanoi street food.

Prominent results in the fourth quarter of 2023:

- Completed the development of projects related to: (i) Highly qualified teaching human resources; (ii) Hybrid training; (iii) Supporting learners to achieve Program Learning Outcomes (PLO) in language proficiency and (iv) Organization & operation model of FLSS; Project on financial autonomy of non-business units;
- Built and deployed the Science and Technology Fund at ULIS to meet the requirements of Decree No. 119/NĐ-CP dated 18 September 1999 by the Government;
- Completed the Self-Assessment Report on the Quality Accreditation of UMS and external assessment of five foreign language teacher training programs;
- Put into use the ULIS Incubator Space on the 3rd floor of Block A9 and the newly-furbished Blocks A4-A5.

Crucial tasks in the first quarter of 2024:

- To organize activities to celebrate Vietnamese Students' Day and Lunar New Year;
- To organize ULIS Job Fair 2024.



Le Tue Chi, FLSS Student, was admitted to Harvard University



Nguyen Ngoc Minh Khue, Valedictorian for the entire school year 2023-2024



Dr. Doan Thuy Quynh, female lecturer with many achievements in scientific research



Vu Hoang Nhat Anh, a female student with a dream of becoming a teacher”



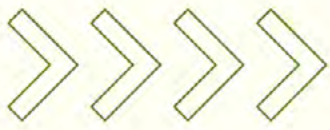
Teacher Nguyen Dinh Hien was recognized as qualified for the title of Associate Professor



Vu Thi Thanh Hien, a female student with many achievements in extracurricular activities



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