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FROM THE EDITORS

Our dear readers,

This first quarter of 2024 has gone by. Reflecting these 3 months, ULIS has successfully completed different tasks and organized numerous important events, including piloted implementation of teaching 11 undergraduate and graduate courses in the blended mode; developed communication and counselling plans for student admission and entrance exams at all levels; prepared for the quality accreditation of UMS; Organized pre-UNC2024 events and made detailed plans for UNC2024; adjusted the Plan to increase investment in developing potential and encouraging science and technology activities at ULIS; etc.

The successful organization of these events is a sign of a promising year for ULIS. In the second quarter of 2024, the University has a number of important tasks which need to be performed well, such as to strengthen communications for successful enrollment of sufficient students with good quality at all levels; to successfully organize UNC2024 (On April 20th, 2024); FIRE DAY and 2024 Start-up Fire Ideas competition; to conduct quality accreditation of UMS; complete a draft self-assessment report on the master's training program in English Theory and Teaching Methods; effectively organize a pilot assessment of the Digital Competency Framework for 3 target groups at ULIS; etc.

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





I/ PROMINENT ACTIVITIES OF ULIS LEADERS

1. ULIS participates in welcome and exchange program with Bulgarian National Assembly Chairman Rossen Dimitrov Jeliatzkov

Within the framework of the official visit to Vietnam at the invitation of H.E. Mr. Vuong Dinh Hue, Chairman of the National Assembly of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam from January 5th-9th, 2024, on January 9th, 2024, Chairman of the Bulgarian National Assembly, Mr. Rossen Dimitrov Jeliatzkov paid a visit to VNU and delivered a presentation on “Bulgaria and Vietnam bilateral relations through the lens of economic and cultural contacts”.

In his presentation, Chairman of the Bulgarian National Assembly Rossen Dimitrov Jeliatzkov said that today’s meeting was a great advantage for the two countries to look at the future. The Chairman of the Bulgarian National Assembly also expressed his joy and happiness when interacting with students of VNU - a prestigious university in Vietnam.

During the Q&A session, lecturer Luu Thi Nam Ha and student Ta Thi Ngoc Mai of the Faculty of Russian Language and Culture expressed their interest in the potential and prospects of cooperation between Vietnam and Bulgaria.



2. Celebration of the 74th traditional day of Vietnamese Students

On January 9th, 2024, ULIS-VNU organized a ceremony to celebrate the 74th anniversary of the traditional day of Vietnamese Students (January 9th, 1950 - January 9th, 2024) to widely disseminate glorious traditions of generations of Vietnamese students to all those currently enrolled at the University.



At the ceremony, on behalf of the Students’ Association Secretariat, comrade Khuc Nam Cuong - Vice President of ULIS Students’ Association shared the glorious achievements of the Association in 2023.

Chairman of the University Council Do Tuan Minh expressed his pride with the achievements of ULIS Students’ Association in the activities of the past school year and hoped that the Association would continue to promote its praiseworthy traditions to reach further targets.

At the ceremony, ULIS Students’ Association commended 10 groups and 10 individuals for their outstanding achievements in the past year.

In addition, 3 new student clubs were established, including Calligraphy Club, Volleyball Club, Culture & Cuisine Club, increasing the total number of ULIS clubs to 44.

3. Meeting with representatives of Department of Education and Training of Lang Son Province

On January 23rd, 2024, ULIS-VNU held a meeting with representatives of the Department of Education and Training of Lang Son Province.

At the meeting, Ms. Phan My Hanh, representing the Lang Son Department of Education and Training, thanked ULIS for its active support in training and teaching foreign languages in the province.

Vice President Hoa Ngoc Son extended his thanks to the delegation for coming to work at ULIS, and expressed his support for the School and the Department's coordination in implementing many activities in the coming time.

At the meeting, the two sides discussed potential cooperation opportunities in the future.



4. Meeting with Department of Education and Training of Dien Bien province

On February 27th, 2024, in Dien Bien province, ULIS - VNU held a meeting with the Department of Education and Training of Dien Bien province to discuss the cooperation between the two sides.



At the meeting, Mr. Nguyen Van Doat - Director of the Department of Education and Training of Dien Bien province expressed his expectations for the success of cooperation activities with ULIS - VNU, thereby improving the effectiveness and capacity of teaching and learning foreign languages in Dien Bien province.

Delivering his speech at the meeting, Dr. Do Tuan Minh, Chairman of the University Council agreed with the contents proposed by the Department of Education and Training of Dien Bien.

After discussing and agreeing on the proposals, the Department of Education and Training of Dien Bien and ULIS - VNU signed a memorandum of cooperation with 11 items. In addition, ULIS presented books developed by ULIS lecturers to Dien Bien Department of Education and Training.

5. Japanese Ambassador Yamada Takio gives a speech and interacts with ULIS students

On March 6th, 2024, Japanese Ambassador Yamada Takio participated in a lecture and exchange program with students of the Faculty of Japanese Language and Culture.

Delivering his speech at the event, President Nguyen Xuan Long hoped that the exchange would provide a lot of valuable information about the history of the close relation, capabilities and opportunities for development and exchange between Vietnam and Japan at present and in the future.

Japanese Ambassador Yamada Takio extended his warm and sincere greetings to the officials, teachers, lecturers and students who participated in the lecture. The Ambassador also expected that the 50th anniversary of diplomatic relations between the two countries would be a leap forward into the future and into the world, orienting a deeper and more sustainable development relationship.

During the exchange program, students had the opportunity to ask questions and learn more useful information from Ambassador Yamada Takio's presentation.



II/ COOPERATION & DEVELOPMENT

1. Meeting with representatives of Oxford University Press

On January 10th, 2024, ULIS-VNU held a meeting with representatives of Oxford University Press to discuss cooperation opportunities between the two sides.



At the meeting, the representative of Oxford University Press Office in Vietnam introduced Oxford University Press and its learning and testing software.

After that, the two sides discussed the possibility of cooperation in using the software to teach at ULIS and publish English textbooks.

Speaking at the meeting, Vice President Ha Le Kim Anh spoke highly of the cooperation potentials of the two institutions and hoped that this meeting could promote effective cooperation opportunities between ULIS and Oxford University Press in the future.

2. Cooperation agreement with National Institute of Language Research of Japan signed

On January 11th, 2024, ULIS-VNU held a meeting with representatives of the National Institute of Language Research of Japan to discuss cooperation opportunities between the two institutions. At the same time, the two sides agreed on and carried out procedures to sign a cooperation agreement.

At the meeting, President Nguyen Xuan Long expressed his hope that ULIS would have the opportunity to cooperate effectively with the Institute, especially in scientific research.

On behalf of the National Institute of Language Research of Japan, Prof. Ishiguro Kei spoke highly of the opportunity to cooperate with ULIS.

After that, representatives of the two institutions continued to discuss in more depth about potential cooperative activities and shared goals.



3. Meeting with Dongseo University, Republic of Korea

On January 12th, 2024, ULIS - VNU held a meeting with representatives of Dongseo University (Busan, Republic of Korea) and Bao Son Group.



At the meeting, the representative of Bao Son Group expressed his hope that the two schools could promote and implement many cooperative activities in the future.

From ULIS, Vice President Hoa Ngoc Son expressed his impression with Dongseo University's in-service training program.

Mr. Lee Jong Myung - representative of Dongseo University also shared his desire to meet and directly introduce the full scholarship program of Dongseo University to students of the Faculty of Korean Language and Culture.

4. Cooperation agreement with Educa Corporation Education Joint Stock Company signed

On January 17th, 2024, ULIS-VNU held a meeting with Educa Corporation to discuss cooperation opportunities between the two institutions.

At the meeting, President Nguyen Xuan Long said that in recent years, ULIS had still actively promoted development cooperation to serve and support Cau Giay District's education and training tasks. In addition, the school had also built an online system for professional training so that teachers nationwide could use at their convenience for their professional development. This is the key direction for the cooperation between ULIS and Educa Corporation in the future.



In response, Ms. Nguyen Hoang Lan - Academic Director of Educa Education Joint Stock Company shared about her desire to build the first pedagogy training course for the company and hoped that the two sides would coordinate with each other and create good values in the field of education.

After that, representatives of both sides continued to discuss potential cooperative activities and common goals. An MOU was also signed in this meeting.

5. Meeting with representatives of Embassy of China

On January 16th, 2024, ULIS-VNU held a meeting with the Embassy of China to discuss future cooperation between the two sides.



At the meeting, Vice President Hoa Ngoc Son expressed his desire to continue to receive support, assistance, and cooperation from the Embassy of China in scholarship awarding, skills development, internships, HSK test organization, etc.

In response, Mr. Zhang Da Wei - Education Counselor hoped that the Embassy as well as Chinese universities would have more meetings with students of the Faculty of Chinese Language and Culture and FLSS to understand more about the needs of each side.

6. Meeting with delegation of Tsinghua University

On January 23rd, 2024, ULIS-VNU held a meeting with the delegation of lecturers and students of Tsinghua University, Chinese Taiwan.

At the meeting, the representative of Tsinghua University gave an overview of the school and the delegation participating in this trip. The school representative expressed his desire to cooperate more deeply with ULIS.

Delivering his speech at the meeting, Vice President Hoa Ngoc Son spoke highly of the cooperation potential of the two universities and hoped that the two sides could promote effective cooperation activities in the time to come.

In addition, representatives of the two universities discussed detailed cooperation plans in teaching, learning and university administration, as well as scholarship policies, student exchange and Chinese study programs.

After the meeting, lecturers and students of Tsinghua University participated in exchanges with ULIS students majoring in Chinese Language Teacher Education.



7. ULIS works with the Department of Education, Taipei Economic and Cultural Office

On January 23rd, 2024, ULIS-VNU held a meeting with the Department of Education, Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Hanoi to strengthen their connection and discuss the implementation of cooperation in the future.



At the meeting, Vice President Hoa Ngoc Son believed that the two sides would have many opportunities to cooperate through specific activities, especially organizing exchange activities for students.

Mr. Bo Bao Wen - representative of the Department of Education, Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Hanoi expressed his wish that the School continue to facilitate and build a favorable learning environment for international students, and others who want to study Vietnamese language.

8. ULIS signs a cooperation agreement with Vinschool

On January 25th, 2024, ULIS-VNU and Vinschool Joint Stock Company signed a cooperation agreement in various fields.

Delivering his speech at the signing ceremony, President Nguyen Xuan Long said that cooperation between the two sides would usher in many good opportunities to further develop the education system, especially language training in Vietnam.

On Vinschool's side, Deputy General Director of Human Resources - Training Nguyen Thu Huong affirmed that this event would elevate the relationship between the two sides based on previous cooperative activities.



At the ceremony, representatives of the ULIS and Vinchool signed an official memorandum of understanding for their multi-faceted cooperation.

9. Meeting with Goethe Institute

On February 21st, 2024, ULIS-VNU held a meeting with Geothe Institute Hanoi to connect and discuss the implementation of in-depth cooperation.

Delivering his speech at the meeting, Vice President Hoa Ngoc Son believed that the two sides would have many opportunities for in-depth cooperation through specific activities, especially lecturer exchanges and internship offers.

Dr. Steffen Kaupp - Deputy Director of Geothe Institute believed that ULIS would continue to be a potential partner in the field of foreign language training of the institute in the future.



10. Cooperation with Keimyung University, Korea strengthened

On February 16th, 2024, ULIS-VNU held a meeting with the delegation from Keimyung University, Republic of Korea to discuss further potential cooperation between the two sides.



At the meeting, Vice President Hoa Ngoc Son expressed his hope that the two schools could strengthen the implementation of more cooperative activities in the time to come.

Representing Keimyung University, Vice President Kim Seon-Jung agreed and said that the two sides needed to continue discussing details to put these ideas into practice.

The two sides continue to discuss cooperation opportunities and commit to regular communication.

11. Cooperation with Hebei University of Foreign Studies (China) strengthened

On February 20th, 2024, ULIS-VNU held a meeting with Hebei University of Foreign Studies (China) to discuss cooperation activities between the two schools.

At the meeting, President Nguyen Xuan Long expressed his desire to implement more specific cooperation between the two sides in the near future.

Representing Hebei University of Foreign Studies, Mr. Sun Jianzhong expressed his agreement with ULIS proposals and wished to welcome ULIS leaders to visit the University in China as soon as possible.

The two sides continued to discuss specific issues and reached a general consensus on promoting future cooperation plans.



12. Cooperation agreement with Nhip Cau Duc CTC signed

On March 1st, 2024, ULIS-VNU and Viet Duc CTC Co., Ltd. held a signing ceremony of a cooperation agreement between the two parties.

At the signing ceremony, President Nguyen Xuan Long hoped that the two sides would implement practical, effective activities and achieve high results.

Representing Viet Duc CTC, Director Nguyen Thi Phuong Hoa expressed her excitement and anticipation of cooperation activities in the time to come with ULIS - a school with a long history of foreign language research and teaching.

At the ceremony, representatives of both sides signed a memorandum of understanding and agreed to implement many cooperation activities.



13. Meeting with representatives of Université Catholique de l'Ouest - UCO (France)

On March 4th, 2024, ULIS-VNU held a meeting with Mr. Dominique Vermersch - Honorary President of Université Catholique de l'Ouest - UCO (France),

At the meeting, representatives of Université Catholique de l'Ouest expressed their appreciation for ULIS's cooperation and quick and flexible support to the activities and projects that the two sides had implemented together.

Vice President Hoa Ngoc Son extended his thanks for the love and interest of Université Catholique de l'Ouest toward ULIS and wished to work with UCO to build a good training environment to create a generation of high-quality and talented young people.

The two sides agreed to cooperate in organizing international conferences, exchanging lecturers and are expected to sign a cooperation MOU soon.



14. Cooperation agreement with Shitennoji University (Japan) signed

On March 6th, 2024, ULIS-VNU held a signing ceremony of a cooperation agreement with Shitennoji University (Japan) to connect and promote the friendly relationship between the two schools.

Delivering his speech at the signing ceremony, President Nguyen Xuan Long hoped that the two schools would quickly implement practical, effective cooperation activities and achieve high results in the future.

Mr. Suhara Shoji - Shitennoji University President hoped that through this cooperation, the two schools would develop a long-term friendly relationship, contributing to tightening the friendship between Vietnam and Japan.



At the ceremony, representatives of both sides signed a memorandum of understanding and agreed to implement many potential cooperation activities.

15. Cooperation with VNU Center for Library and Digital Knowledge strengthened

On March 7th, 2024, ULIS-VNU held a meeting with the VNU Center for Library and Digital Knowledge (VNULIC) to discuss cooperation activities in the time to come.

Addressing the meeting, President Nguyen Xuan Long spoke highly of the coordination with VNULIC so far, especially in the activities of organizing the Reading Culture contest, quality accreditation, and digital learning material development.

Dr. Nguyen Hoang Son - Director of VNULIC spoke highly of the school's efforts on developing learning materials and the reading culture. The Center also hoped that the cooperation activities between the two sides would continue to reap many achievements this year.



At the end of the meeting, the delegates visited the learning resource area managed by VNULIC at Block A2.

16. Cooperation agreement with Samsung Research and Development Center, Vietnam (SRV)

On March 11th, 2024, ULIS-VNU and Samsung Research and Development Center, Vietnam (SRV) under Samsung Group held a cooperation signing ceremony between the two parties.



Delivering his speech at the ceremony, President Nguyen Xuan Long hoped that this signing program would usher in new and valuable cooperation opportunities for the school's staff and students.

In response, General Director of Samsung R&D (SRV) Suk Jiwon said that he was impressed by the youth and enthusiasm of Vietnamese students, and he also wished that the University could support the Center in the fields of its strengths.

At the ceremony, representatives of the two units signed an official cooperation agreement in different fields.

III/ PROMINENT ACTIVITIES OF THE UNIVERSITY

1. "Year-End Party" with international experts

On December 29th, 2023, ULIS-VNU organized a meeting and exchange program on the occasion of ending 2023 and welcoming 2024 with the participation of foreign experts and lecturers working at the university.

The meeting took place at Quan Que restaurant in an intimate and cozy atmosphere. Vice President Hoa Ngoc Son presented gifts to experts, together with profound gratitude for their contributions to improving the quality of education at ULIS.

All at the party shared interesting talks to welcome the new year and experienced traditional Vietnamese dishes.



2. Closing ceremony of 6-month training course for international students of Guangxi University for Nationalities, China

On January 9th, 2024, ULIS-VNU held the closing ceremony of the training course for international students of Guangxi University for Nationalities, China. The joint training course for Vietnamese language students of the school at ULIS lasted from September 2023 to January 2024. The ceremony took place in an intimate atmosphere between teachers and international students.



In his opening speech, Vice President Hoa Ngoc Son believed that the experience of studying and living in Vietnam would become unforgettable memories in the heart of all the students.

Mr. Luu Manh Kien - Director of Cooperation and Development Office acknowledged the active learning of the international students during the course. “The diverse knowledge, skills, and experiences available at ULIS would certainly help students realize their dreams on their future path”, added he.

At the ceremony, the school representative presented course completion certificates and gifts to each international student.

The course ended successfully, leaving great memories in the hearts of the students and ULIS teachers.

3. 2023 year-end conference and briefing in January 2024 held

On January 8th, 2024, ULIS -VNU held the 2023 year-end conference and the briefing in January 2024.

Delivering his opening speech, Chairman of ULIS Council Do Tuan Minh stated that in 2024, the school would apply innovations to building its set of key performance indicators (KPIs) with 3 keywords, Focus – Responsibility – Resources.

After watching a video clip about 10 outstanding events and achievements in 2023, President Nguyen Xuan Long delivered the 2023 summary report, evaluating the implementation of 50 key performance indicators (KPIs) in 2023 of the University (including 12 KPIs assigned by VNU and 38 KPIs of ULIS).



The conference was also highlighted with active exchanges and discussions from participants.

At the conference, Chairman of ULIS Council Do Tuan Minh presented awards to the ULIS Party’s Information and Education Committee and Comrade Nguyen Thi Ngoc Anh, Secretary of the Student’s Association Party Cell for their outstanding achievements in Party activities in 2023.

On this occasion, Vice President Lam Quang Dong also presented the guidelines for the “Quality Gold Star Awards”.

In 2024, ULIS sets out 6 groups of key tasks,

4. ULIS co-organizes national English electronic lesson design competition

On January 15th, 2024, Hanoi Education Development and Investment Joint Stock Company (member of Vietnam Education Publishing House) and ULIS coordinated to organize the launching ceremony of the English electronic lesson design competition nationwide.



The competition is an opportunity for educators to innovate methods, effectively deploy the teaching and learning of English textbooks based on the 2018 General Education Program, build an archive of high-quality English learning materials for managers, teachers and students nationwide to consult and use effectively.

Vice President Ha Le Kim Anh acknowledged that through the competition, a treasure archive of valuable documents will be built.

4. ULIS successfully accomplishes accreditation of 05 undergraduate training programs in teacher education

On January 13th, 2024, at the meeting of the Council for Education Accreditation taking place in Vinh City (Nghe An Province), the ULIS team performed very well in their response to the Council's questions to successfully defend the accreditation results of the University's 05 training programs.

The results of 05 ULIS undergraduate training programs accredited in the 2022 - 2023 school year (including English Language Teacher Education, German Language Teacher Education, Japanese Language Teacher Education, Korean Language Teacher Education and Chinese Language Teacher Education) were unanimously approved by the Council for Education Quality Accreditation with a very high score.



5. Commencement for QH.2021.F.2.E in-service course in English Language for officers of Political University

On January 16th, 2024, the Political University coordinated with ULIS-VNU to organize the Commencement of QH.2021.F.2.E in-service course in English Language for officers of the University.



Delivering his speech at the commencement, Comrade Major General, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Nguyen Van Chung – Vice President of the Political University affirmed that the officers trained in the course would contribute to improving the training quality of the Political University in the time to come.

At the Commencement, leaders of the Political University and ULIS-VNU presented Bachelor's degree to the graduates of the program.

6. ULIS Spring Festival 2024

On January 19th-20th, 2024, ULIS-VNU organized the ULIS Spring Festival 2024.

The program “ULIS Spring Festival 2024” is an annual event of the School to create an atmosphere of connection between teachers and students, parents and those participating in the program through many cultural experience activities.

In particular, the program raised more than 200 million VND to support students with difficult circumstances.



7. ULIS Job Fair 2024

On January 20th, 2024, ULIS-VNU organized ULIS Job Fair 2024. With nearly 70 employers, numerous job positions and diverse attractive activities, the event attracted a great number of students.



This is an annual activity coordinated by ULIS with reputable organizations and businesses at home and abroad to introduce job opportunities to students throughout the university.

Delivering his speech at the opening of the program, Mr. Tran Van Dat - Director of the Department of Politics and Student Affairs - Ministry of Education and Training spoke highly of the efforts of ULIS in organizing the annual Job Fair.

Representing ULIS, President Nguyen Xuan Long said, “In recent years, the University has paid attention to promoting the introduction of job opportunities and experiences for students. To achieve such success, the cooperation of businesses is indispensable”.

Within the framework of the event, ULIS signed a cooperation agreement with the employer EIV.

The university representative also gave letters of gratitude and gifts to the businesses participating in the event.

8. ULIS KOREA DAY 2024

Following the success of the previous season, on January 21st, 2024, KOREA DAY 2024 returned with many changes, bringing K-ULISers and guests great experiences.

During the program, representatives of the Faculty of Korean Language and Culture presented medals and letters of thanks to the sponsoring units, individuals and groups.

The Faculty also presented 25 scholarships (each worth 3,000,000 VND with a total scholarship fund of nearly 80 million VND) to students.

At ULIS Korea Day 2024, “The Best KULIS Couple” and “REPLY 1990s” competitions took place with unique performances from lecturers and students of the Faculty.

Particularly, the performance from guest singer Madihu with his hit “Vì anh đâu có biết (Because I don't know)” in the festival captured the audience's hearts.



9. Commencement for QH.2021.F.2.E in-service course in English Language to staff of University of Transport and Communications

On January 30th, 2024, ULIS-VNU and the University of Transport and Communications coordinated to organize a Commencement to present Bachelor's degrees to 37 staff and teachers of the University of Transport and Communications, who had completed the QH.2021.F.2.E in-service course in English Language.



Delivering his speech at the ceremony, Vice President Hoa Ngoc Son praised the learning spirit of all lecturers and staff participating in the course, as well as extended congratulations to all new BA degree holders, who had successfully completed the course.

Speaking at the ceremony, Mr. Nguyen Thanh Chuong - Vice President of the University of Transport and Communications hoped that with the results achieved, the graduates would make good use of the knowledge and skills learned and practiced over the past 2 years to make contributions to the cause of building an ever-growing University of Transport and Communications.

At the ceremony, representatives of ULIS presented degrees to new graduates.

10. Meeting with international experts on occasion of Lunar New Year 2024

On February 1st, 2024, ULIS-VNU organized a meeting with international experts on the occasion of the Lunar New Year 2024. This is also an opportunity for ULIS to express its gratitude to the foreign teachers working at the school.

Delivering his speech at the meeting, Vice President Hoa Ngoc Son thanked all foreign experts for their dedication during their time working at the school.

In addition to sincere and emotional wishes, ULIS presented gifts of gratitude to international experts.



11. Presenting Tet gifts to international students on occasion of Lunar New Year 2024

On February 5th, 2024, in the atmosphere of welcoming the Year of the Dragon 2024, the Office of Cooperation & Development presented New Year gifts to international students. These are meaningful gifts that show ULIS's concern for foreign students during this important occasion.



Small as they were, the gifts were Vietnamese specialties at Tet for international students, imbued with the hope that even though they were away from home at this time of family reunion, the foreign students would have a cozy and fun time in Vietnam.

12. Opening ceremony of Defense & Security Education and Physical Education courses for QH2023.F1 students

On February 20th, 2024, the opening ceremony of the Defense and Security Education and Physical Education course for QH2023.F1 students was held in Hoa Lac Compound.

Delivering her speech at the ceremony, Vice President Ha Le Kim Anh extended her words of encouragement to ULIS students so that they could strive to study well. She also wished the students many meaningful experiences during their time in Hoa Lac.

Also at the opening ceremony, a student representative expressed her determination to successfully complete the tasks and regulations of the course. The opening ceremony ended with the high determination from all of the students.



13. (UNC 2024) International seminar: Researching and teaching Vietnamese for foreigners

On February 24th, 2024, ULIS - VNU organized an international seminar themed “Researching and teaching Vietnamese for foreigners”.



Delivering his speech at the seminar, Vice President Lam Quang Dong wished the participants a successful academic exchange in which they could listen, discuss, share experiences and find new solutions to improve the quality of researching and teaching Vietnamese for foreigners.

At the seminar, three key-note speakers presented papers on related topics.

The seminar ended with a lively and useful session of exchanges and discussions, helping to expand and deepen issues related to researching and teaching Vietnamese for foreigners.

14. Opening pedagogical internship for students of Musashino University, Japan in 2024

On February 26th, 2024, ULIS-VNU held the opening ceremony of the pedagogical internship for students of Musashino University, Japan.

Delivering his speech at the opening ceremony, Vice President Hoa Ngoc Son believed that the intern students would have two exciting weeks and learn many useful things at ULIS.

The representative of Musashino University shared her joy when Musashino University and ULIS successfully cooperated with each other to organize this internship.



After that, an introduction to ULIS, the main training majors and the language training programs at the school were delivered by lecturers of the Faculty of Japanese Language and Culture.

15. Opening ceremony of pedagogical internship for students of Nagoya University of Foreign Studies, Japan in 2024

On March 4th, 2024, ULIS-VNU held the opening ceremony of the pedagogical internship for students of Nagoya University of Foreign Languages, Japan.

Delivering his speech at the ceremony, Vice President Hoa Ngoc Son hoped that the interns would effectively use their time at ULIS to develop pedagogical skills, while still participating in cultural exchange and engagement activities with Vietnamese students.

On behalf of the Nagoya Kondo internship team, Mr. Yukihiro extended his deep thanks for this opportunity. He also hoped that in the future the two schools could develop and expand their two-way and diverse cooperation in many fields.



16. Closing ceremony of internship for students of Musashino University, Japan in 2024

On March 8th, 2024, ULIS – VNU held the closing ceremony of the internship for students of Musashino University (Japan).

Speaking at the ceremony, Dr. Dao Thi Nga My - Dean of the Faculty of Japanese Language and Culture hoped that the internship period at ULIS had left many memorable memories on the minds of Japanese students and helped them accumulate practical pedagogical experience.

At the ceremony, the school representative presented a certificate of course completion to each Japanese intern.



Also at the ceremony, the interns extended their greetings and deep thanks to the volunteer students and teachers of the Faculty of Japanese Language and Culture, and shared their impressions and feelings about the internship.

17. ULIS received Certificate of Merit for its outstanding achievements in developing test plans and formats for high school graduation exams.

On March 11th, 2024, the Ministry of Education and Training organized a conference on preparing high school graduation exams from 2025 according to the 2018 General Education Program.

The conference was organized to ensure effective development of exam questions and exam item banks for the 2025 high school graduation exam to properly assess student capabilities and meet the needs of the General Education program 2018.

At the conference, Deputy Minister Pham Ngoc Thuong presented Certificates of Merit from the Minister of Education and Training to groups and individuals with outstanding achievements in developing exam plans and formats of high school graduation exams from 2025. Among them, ULIS was the only educational institution receiving a Certificate of Merit.



In addition, 3 individuals from the ULIS received rewards, including Mr. Nguyen Manh Hai (Faculty of Russian Language and Culture), Mr. Nguyen Viet Quang (Faculty of French Language and Culture), Ms. Nguyen Thi Thu Hien (Faculty of Korean Language and Culture).

18. 25th Academic Forum on English Language Testing in Asia (AFELTA): English language testing in the 21st century

AFELTA – The Academic Forum on English Language Testing in Asia is an annual forum of various independent and university-affiliated examination and assessment organizations in Asia, a venue for academic, research, exchange and learning activities with respect to theories and practices in language assessment in general, and English assessment in countries of the region. The 25th forum centering around English language testing in the 21st century lasted two days on the 14th-15th of March, 2023 in Singapore and was hosted by Singapore Examinations and Assessment Board (SEAB).

Making the best out of their time at and around the Forum, ULIS participants at the event brought home useful understanding of language testing and assessment, new prospects, realistic and effective measures for ULIS to accomplish its 2024 annual plan on science and technology, its ST Strategy as well as ULIS Development Strategy until 2030 with the vision to 2045.



19. (UNC 2024) International seminar: Indigenous factors in general Korean language education in Vietnam

On March 15th, 2024, ULIS-VNU organized an international seminar themed “Indigenous factors in general Korean language education in Vietnam”.



Delivering his speech at the seminar, Dr. Do Tuan Minh - Chairman of ULIS Council said that the seminar was one of the scientific activities specializing in Korean language education in high schools in Vietnam, a field in which the lecturers of the Faculty of Korean Language & Culture had been playing a key role with regard to program and textbook development, teacher training, and testing and assessment.

Speaking at the seminar, Mr. Gil Ho Jin - Director of the Korean Language Center in Ho Chi Minh City commented that currently, Korean teachers and lecturers teaching Korean in Vietnam still faced many difficulties in curriculum development and teaching methods. “The seminar and the success of publishing the “Korean Textbook” series is a step forward to support the Korean teaching in Vietnam, marking an important milestone in the Korean language development journey in Vietnam.”, added he.

During the seminar, many presentations on related issues were presented and attracted great attention.

A discussion was also held with numerous perspectives and suggestions raised from the audience.

At the end of the seminar, the participants listened to the representative of Vietnam Education Publishing House introducing the Korean language textbooks 1 and 2 authored by a good number of ULIS lecturers.

20. (UNC 2024) International seminar: Academic integrity and research ethics in the fields of linguistics and teaching in Vietnam

On March 16th, 2024, ULIS-VNU organized an international seminar under the topic “Academic integrity and research ethics in the fields of linguistics and teaching in Vietnam: Policy and practice”.

Delivering his opening speech, Vice President Lam Quang Dong emphasized that the event was an opportunity for everyone to share knowledge, experience and propose new initiatives, contributing to the development of the academic field and society.

In the first presentation, Dr. John R. Baumann from Indiana University spoke about academic integrity, a core topic in research. He emphasized that integrity was the foundation of trust and respect in the academic community, and a prerequisite for sound scientific development.



In the second presentation, Vice President Lam Quang Dong addressed the issue of “Innocence or Negligence” with profound contents related to violations of academic ethics.

A discussion was also held with many opinions, questions and sharing raised, creating a constructive atmosphere on topics related to academic integrity and research ethics.

The seminar is not only an academic forum to promote academic integrity and research ethics in Vietnam and around the world, but also an opportunity to build relationships, creating conditions for the common development of international academic community.

IV/ PROMINENT ACTIVITIES OF DEPARTMENTS

1. ULISers experience Sashimi preparation

On March 7th, 2024, ULIS-VNU organized a counselling event on study opportunities in Japan followed by a Sashimi demonstration by experts from Tsuji Culinary School.

Delivering his speech at the opening ceremony, Vice President Hoa Ngoc Son believed that through this activity, ULIS students would gain more useful knowledge about Japan.

Representatives of Tsuji Culinary School also expressed their joy for participating in the program and having the opportunity to perform their culinary art for ULIS students.

Next was a demonstration of Japanese Sashimi preparation by an expert from Tsuji Culinary School.

The representatives of Tsuji Culinary School also shared useful information about Tsuji Academy (Tsuji Group) and Kansai Foreign Language School.

Prominent results in the first quarter of 2024:

1. Piloted implementation of teaching 11 undergraduate and graduate courses in the blended mode; developed communication and counselling plans for student admission and entrance exams at all levels; prepared for the quality accreditation of UMS;
2. Organized pre-UNC2024 events and made detailed plans for UNC2024; adjusted the Plan to increase investment in developing potential and encouraging science and technology activities at ULIS;
3. Implemented the Project “Building a system of solutions to retain and attract highly qualified lecturers at ULIS-VNU” and the pilot project of autonomy in regular expenditures of FLSS;
4. Successfully organized the cultural event “ULIS Spring Festival 2024”; Job Fair 2024 (January 20th, 2024); ensured security and order, prevented fire and explosion; took practical care of the material and spiritual life of the School’s officials, employees, and workers on the occasion of the Lunar New Year 2024.

Crucial tasks in the second quarter of 2024:

1. To strengthen communications for successful enrollment of sufficient students with good quality at all levels;
2. To successfully organize UNC2024 (On April 20th, 2024); FIRE DAY and 2024 Start-up Fire Ideas competition;
3. To conduct quality accreditation of UMS; complete a draft self-assessment report on the master’s training program in English Theory and Teaching Methods; effectively organize a pilot assessment of the Digital Competency Framework for 3 target groups at ULIS;
4. To launch and operate the Educational Support Channel for General Foreign Language Teachers (ULIS CONNECT); complete the Project to connect scholars and employers at ULIS-VNU;
5. To put Block A5 into effective use and operation; carry out renovation, repair and upgrade of Block B2; complete the design of the School’s cultural and educational experience learning area in Hoa Lac.



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Le Thi Anh Duong,
Owner of ULISOUL Project
– Mentee program
YSEALI GIVES BACK



Vu Thu Hang,
A student with a passionate
heart and bravery



Vu Kieu Anh,
A ULIS Alumnus, who is
beautiful and good at Kore-
an like an 'idol'



Ms. Nguyen Thi Ngoc Anh,
A female Youth Union officer,
who 'lights the fire' to contrib-
ute to students



Do Thi Thu Huyen,
A female student, who won
first prize in the Innovation
Competition



Ms. Le Thi Ngoc,
A female lecturer with a full
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