

CYCLO EXPRESS

News for UNSW Vietnam alumni

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As the UNSW Representative Office in Hanoi has become more well known, the amount of work done by the office has increased considerably. We are now called upon regularly to assist students with applications to both UNSW Sydney and UNSW Asia and also to liaise with the MOET office of Scholarship Project 322, 322 scholarship students themselves and UNSW in Sydney, to facilitate the complicated process for MOET scholars to undertake degrees at UNSW. The number of faculty visiting from Sydney this year has also increased and, of course, we wish to establish even closer links with our alumni. In light of this considerable increase in the activities of the office, I am pleased to announce the appointment of Ms Thai Thi Cam Chi as full-time Office Manager in Hanoi. Some of you will have spoken to or had e-mail contact with Chi already. She has previously worked at AEI at the Australian Embassy and, more recently, with SIDA at the Embassy of Sweden and she brings a considerable amount of experience and talent to the position. I know you will all wish to join with me in welcoming Chi to the office. She will play an important role in our alumni relations program so those of you who haven't had contact with her yet will no doubt do so over the coming months.



Ms Thai Thi Cam Chi

Don Evans UNSW In-Country Manager Vietnam

LOCAL NEWS AND EVENTS ALUMNI EVENTS 2006

Hanoi

An alumni dinner will be held on Saturday evening, October 21 at Wild Lotus Restaurant, 55A Nguyen Du, Hanoi. This will be a more relaxed and informal event than previous Hanoi events and will be a good opportunity for alumni to get together and catch up on the past year. We would like to invite alumni to bring partners along to enjoy the evening, however, as the room is not overly large, we are restricted to 60 people. Therefore, the first 20 alumni to register will receive a double free ticket to the dinner (alumni plus partner). The next 20 alumni to register will receive a single free ticket for the dinner.

Please register your interest in attending now by contacting Ms Cam Chi on 9783718.

Ho Chi Minh City

Our large, formal event this year will be held in HCMC at the Opera Room, Caravelle Hotel, Lam Son Square on Wednesday evening, October 25th. This will be the first UNSW alumni event to be organised in HCMC and will be hosted by the newly appointed Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic), Professor Richard Henry. When invitations are sent, we ask alumni to RSVP promptly to assist us to confirm final numbers. If you do not receive an invitation or know of another alumnus who hasn't, please contact Ms. Cam Chi in the Hanoi Representative Office on 04.9783718.

UNSW CAMPUS NEWS

Eureka! UNSW scoops the pool



Hot off the press from Sydney: UNSW carried off four Australian Museum Eureka Prizes at a presentation dinner in Sydney on August 22nd, more than any other participating institution.

The Eureka Prizes are regarded as "the Oscars" of scientific research awards. As Australia's largest single national award scheme for research, they recognise leadership, innovation, teaching and communication about critical environmental and sustainability issues facing Australia.

This year, UNSW had an unprecedented 18 finalists, more than any other institution in the Prizes' 26-year history. By evening's end, eight UNSW scientists had been recognised and rewarded by their peers with Eureka Prizes.

This news shows why UNSW is regarded as an Australian university leader in research and confirms the value of UNSW degrees.

Praise for UNSWAsia

The Prime Minister of the Republic of Singapore, Mr Lee Hsien Loong, expressed his strong support for the establishment of UNSW Asia during last month's visit to Australia.

Commending the growing educational links between Australia and the region, and in particular Singapore, Mr Lee Hsien Loong said: "Our relationship has developed and institutionalised. Thousands of Singaporeans work and study in Australia while an even larger number spend their holidays here. The same is true of Australians in Singapore. I hope that Australia will continue to develop ties with the most dynamic region in the world and work closely with Asian countries to secure a brighter future for all of us."

The UNSW Asia campus opens in 2007 and is a fully-fledged research and teaching institution, owned and operated by UNSW, Australia's leading international university.

While in Sydney Mr Lee Hsien Loong visited UNSW to honour more than 40 of the University's Golden Jubilee Scholars

from Singapore and Malaysia. He also visited two of the University's cutting edge research centres: iCinema and the Centre for Quantum Computer Technology.



Mr Lee Hsien Loong with students

Postcard from Sydney: A beautiful moment of my life at UNSW

Name: Pham Cao Cuong

Student of: Joint MOET-UNSW scholarship scheme

Studying: Master by Research, International Studies. Cuong has just completed 10 weeks English at UNSWIL

The first ten weeks of English study at the Institute of Language (IOL), UNSW was really a challenge but beautiful moment for me. Every English class has about 15 students who came from different countries. It was not only a normal English class but also a small family where we could exchange ideas and learned the culture of each other.

The English teachers are so enthusiastic, ready to listen and help students deal with difficulties in studying as well as in living. There is no discrimination between teachers with students and that makes you feel relaxed after every class. I won't

ever forget the sentiment and smile that all beloved teachers gave to me.

UNSW with its modern architecture, beautiful lawns, friendly people and high quality in education made it become the famous one in Australia. Studying at UNSW and living in Sydney actually gave me insight about the culture and people of this beautiful Kangaroo homeland.



At this point of time, although I am now a formal member of UNSW family, the first ten weeks in UNSW will always remain a beautiful moment of my life. It was a time of changing me in a new country and it was a period of time when I was in the middle of the two cultures: Vietnam and Australia. Thanks MOET, IOL and UNSW for giving that unforgettable moment. It will follow me all the rest of my life.

LOCAL NEWS AND EVENTS (Continued)

UNSW - MOET Scholarships

We now have 6 scholars undertaking research degrees at UNSW under the joint MOET-UNSW scholarship arrangements. More information about these scholarships can be found on the MOET overseas study website: www.vosp.org or by phoning the UNSW Hanoi office on (04)9783718. Instead of an alumni profile in this issue, we include a Postcard from Sydney, sent by a MOET-UNSW scholar who has just commenced his Master by Research degree in International Relations.

Visit of Professor Daniel Tarantola

The UNSW Representative Office has organized and assisted with two visits this year by Professor Daniel Tarantola, Professor of Health and Human Rights in the Faculty of Medicine, UNSW. Professor Tarantola worked for many years with the WHO, most recently as Senior Policy Advisor to the Director General with a specific focus on health and human rights. He has also worked as a lecturer in the Harvard School of Public Health and has coauthored a number of important publications dealing with HIV/AIDS. Professor Tarantola has held meetings with both Vietnamese Government bodies and also Donor organizations working in Vietnam with a view to UNSW co-organizing an International Conference on Health, Development and Human Rights in 2008. Alumni interested in finding out more about this initiative should contact the UNSW Hanoi office on (04)9783718.

Special offer for UNSW Alumni

UNSW alumni are eligible to undertake online graduate education with the U21 Global group supported by a special study grant which provides a discount on program fees.

U21Global is a world class online graduate school jointly owned by 19 internationally renowned universities including UNSW, and Thomson Learning. U21Global offers a range of postgraduate programs including:

- ▶ Master of Business Administration (MBA)
- ▶ Master of Management in Information Technology Management (MMIT)
- ▶ Master of Management in International Business (MMIB)
- ▶ Master of Science in Tourism and Travel Management

U21Global currently has over 2000 students based in 55 countries undertaking their postgraduate programs. Most are working either within multi-national corporations or at senior levels in their organization or industry. Students undertaking U21Global programs have ample opportunity to network with professional peers in a variety of sectors in a truly global "classroom".

To receive more information about the U21Global programs please visit www.u21global.com. To receive more information on the study grant available to UNSW alumni, please write to unsw.alumni@u21global.com