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Last year, with the support of the Australian Government and sponsors, VGAC produced the Australian Alumni Documentary Film - the first documentary film about the Australian Alumni in Vietnam in order to celebrate the 40th anniversary of diplomatic relationship between Vietnam and Australia. The film was firstly showed at the Gala 2013 – “Australian Alumni Documentary Film Premier”, one of the most important events of VGAC in Hanoi, and continuously showed at events in Da Nang, Hue, Can Tho and HCMC and posted on YouTube.

Besides, VGAC run various activities for members such as seminars, workshops, gatherings, and charities. In 2013, it was also the first time VGAC organised field trips for Australian students and VGAC members to explore and learn all about Vietnam, including Mekong Delta’s projects, culture, food and projects of Cat Tien - National Park. By these trips, Australian students had the chance to exchange the information and experiences with VGAC members and do meaningful activities together.

Especially, following the success in 2008 and 2011, the third Australian Alumni Award - AAA was organised in 2014 with eight categories. The AAA was designed to recognise outstanding Australian Alumni who had great achievements and contribution to Vietnam. It did not only promote the inspiration for talents, dedication, creativity and hard-work, but also reinforced exchange and cooperation in various aspects of the society.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Australian Government and its agencies in Vietnam, especially the Australian Trade Commission, Australian Education International; and sponsors for their kind support to VGAC's Activities.

With the positive feedbacks and suggestion from members and key stakeholders, we will carry on the good work. Moreover, for further development of VGAC and in order to bring even better benefits to members, VGAC has run the VGAC Membership Card Programme. Joining this programme, a member will own a membership card with great support and various benefits from VGAC and its partners. We cordially invite you to participate in this programme and believe your support would make VGAC become the best Australian Alumni club in Vietnam.

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I wish you happiness and success.

Huynh Du An (Mr.)

VGAC National Chairman



Mr. Huynh Du An – National Chairman

He graduated from the University of Western Sydney with the Master of Applied Finance in 1998, from Trinity University with a Bachelor of Commerce in 1997, and a Diploma in Commerce from Insearch Institute of Commerce in 1996, and joined VGAC since 2003.

- 1998 – 2007: He held several positions from Marketing Manager to General Manager of Mercedes – Benz Vietnam Ltd
- 2006 – 2009: VGAC – HCMC Chapter Vice Chairman
- 2007 – 2009: CEO of Euro Auto, the exclusive distributor of BMW in Vietnam.
- 2009 – 2010: Deputy General Director of Novaland Group
- May 2009 – Present: VGAC National Chairman
- 2010 – Present: Chairman and CEO of Hopefluent – Compared, a member of Hopefluent International (HKSE: 733)
- 2013-2014: Deputy General Director of Vinhomes



Mr. An Lee – HCMC Chapter Chairman

Mr. An Lee graduated from the University of Western Sydney in 1999 with the Bachelor of Commerce, and joined VGAC later that year.

In Vietnam, he has held various senior positions in the automotive industry (at Mercedes-Benz, Toyota & General Motors) and trading companies

- 2012 – Present: Director at Gia Ly Co. Ltd
- July 2012 – Present: VGAC - HCMC Chapter Chairman



Ms. Pham Thi Tu Uyen – HCMC Chapter Vice Chairwoman

She graduated from the Curtin University of Technology (Perth, WA) with Bachelor of Business Administration in 2008, a Diploma in Business Administration from Thames School (Singapore) in 2004, and joined VGAC in 2010.

- 2004 – 2005: Sales and Marketing positions in TSG Company
- 2009 – 2010: Executive Manager of Financial Accounting in TSK Company
- 2010 – July 2012: VGAC Committee Member
- 2010 – Present: CFO and Director of PTK Corporation
- July 2012 – Present: VGAC - HCMC Chapter Vice Chairwoman



Mr. Tran Dinh Phuong – HCMC Chapter Vice Chairman

He graduated from University of Wollongong with the Master of International Business in 2009 and joined VGAC in 2010.

- May 2006 – Feb 2008: Program Coordinator at CET Academic Programs, Vietnam
- Feb 2010 – Nov 2010: Account Supervisor at Galaxy Communications
- Feb 2011 – Present: Australia & New Zealand Recruitment Specialist at Study Group

- Oct 2014 – Present: VGAC - HCMC Chapter Vice Chairman



Ms. Nguyen Thi Huong Thu – Chapter's Committee Member

She graduated from RMIT University in 2006 and joined VGAC in 2003.

- Coordinator, VGAC - HCMC Chapter
- Manager, Public Relations Group, VGAC - HCMC Chapter
- Vice President of the RMIT Alumni Group in Vietnam
- Committee Member of Saigon Players
- Regional Manager (Vietnam) – INTO University Partnerships



Ms. Nguyen Hong Ha – Chapter's Committee Member

She graduated from the University of South Australia – Adelaide in 1996 with Bachelor degree in Business Management, ADS Scholarship.

- 1997 – 1998: Student services Manager Bourne Griffiths Australia, based in Vietnam
- 1998 – 2001: Marketing and Recruitment Manager, IDP
- 1999: Certificate of Compliment for Best Practices, CEO Award
- 2001 – 2003: Deputy Director, Business Development, AEI Vietnam
- 2003 – 2005: Director, Operations and Study Abroad, VUS – ETSC
- 2007 – 2009: VGAC - HCMC Chapter Chairwoman
- 2005 – Present: Managing Director, StudyLink International
- 2009 – Present: VGAC – HCMC Chapter's Committee Member



Mr. Nguyen Hai Son, Chapter's Committee Member

He graduated from Macquarie University in 2002 with double majors in Finance and Accounting. He returned Vietnam in 2003 and became VGAC-HCMC Chapter Chairman in 2009.

- 2002 – 2003: Assistant Presenter, Asia Pacific Research Institute, International Relation Department, Macquarie University, Sydney, Australia.
- 2003 – 2005: Senior Tax Consultant, Tax & Legal Services,

PwC Vietnam

- 2005-2007: Relationship Manager, Corporate Banking, HSBC Vietnam
- Sept 2007- Dec 2007: Compliance & Control Project Manager, HSBC Vietnam
- Jan 2008 – Sept 2009: Business Process Management Manager, Deputy Head of Purchasing & Administration, HSBC Vietnam
- Jan 2009 – 2011: Deputy Director, HANDICO Finance Joint Stock Company
- 2011 - Present: Manager - Consulting Services, PwC Vietnam
- Oct 2009 - Present: Strategic Director, Founder - SON HOA Real Estate Co., Ltd.



Ms. Nguyen Thi Mai Huong – Chapter's Committee Member

She graduated from Charles Sturt University with Master of Business (Marketing) in 2011 and joined VGAC in 2011.

- 2006 – 2008: Worked at Gloria Jeans Coffee Vietnam
- 2011 – 2013: Working at Edge Marketing in Advertising and Marketing Industry
- 2013 – Present: Marketing Manager at CJE & M
- 2011 – Present: VGAC – Chapter's Committee Member



Ms. Trang Lan Anh Thu – Chapter's Committee Member

She graduated from the University of New South Wales with the Master of Commerce in 2008.

- Mar 2009 – Sept 2009: A&P Executive at Parkson Viet Nam.
- Sept 2009 – Jul 2012: Sales Manager, Megastar Media.
- Oct 2012 – Jul 2013: Senior Assistant Brand Manager at Masan Consumer
- Apr – Aug 2014: Marketing&Communication Manager, KOTO
- Oct 2014 – Present: Deputy Account Director, Flix Co., a member of P.L.T Alliance



Ms. Vu Bich Ngoc – Chapter's Committee Member

She graduated from the University of Melbourne with the Master of Finance in 2010 and joined VGAC in 2011.

- Oct 2010 – Nov 2012: Trade Finance Officer - Mekong Delta region, Bank for Investment and Development of Vietnam
- Jun 2013 – Mar 2014: Senior Officer/Supervisor Institutional Banking Operations, ANZ Banking Group Ltd
- Jan 2013 – Present: Tutor in B.A Hons Program, Sunderland University
- Sept 2013 – Present: Invited lecturer. Major: Banking and Finance, Hoa Sen University - Faculty of Economics and Commerce
- Feb 2014 – Present: Full time lecturer. Major: Banking and Finance, HCMC Open University, School of Advanced Studies



Mr. Ngo Le Dinh Quoc Chuong – Committee Member

He completed his study at RMIT International University in 2007 and graduated from Raffles College of Design and Commerce with BA – Commercial Administration in Hospitality in 2010.

- Jan 2008 – Jan 2009: Service attendance, Hanabi Japanese Restaurant
- Jan 2009 – Jul 2009: Guest Service Agent, Vinpearl Resort and Spa
- Jun 2010- Nov 2011: Sales Executive, SaoKhue Investment& Trade Promotion Organisation
- Nov 2010- Jul 2011: Senior Vacation Counsellor, NinhVanBay Holiday Club
- Jul 2011 – Jul 2012: Sales Manager, NinhVanBay Holiday Club
- Jul 2012 - Present: Managing Director, The Gioi Uu Dai Ltd. Co.



Ms. Duong Thi Chi Mai – Chapter's Committee Member

She graduated from La Trobe University with the Master of Business Administration in 2010 and joined VGAC in 2011.

- Oct 2002 – Apr 2006: Teacher, Phan Dang Luu High School.
- Apr 2006 – Jun 2008: Assistant to Academic Manager at Vietnam – USA Society Training Service Center.
- Jun 2008 – Mar 2009: Campus Manager at SaigonTech – Saigon Institute of Technology
- Apr 2011 – Mar 2012: Consultant at Adecco Vietnam
- Mar 2012 – Oct 2012: Branch Manager at Kent Institute of Business & Technology
- Oct 2012 – Present: General Director at ELI Limited Company



Ms. Hoang Thi Thu Huong – Hanoi Chapter’s Chairwoman

She graduated Master of Applied Science in Soil and Water in Adelaide University in 2001. Since then, she works in Hanoi University of Science & Technology and currently is the Deputy Head, Department of Environmental Engineering. She is working in field of environmental science and engineering. She participated in many projects of World Bank, ABD, UNEP as senior expert on environmental sanitation and climate change mitigation.



Mr. Kim Ngoc Minh – Hanoi Chapter’s Vice Chairman

He graduated from the University of New South Wales. He is the Co-founder of Tomoe Vietnam Kindergarten.



Mr. Chris Nguyen Nhu Chuong – Committee Member

- Foundation Study, University of New South Wales, 1995 and Bachelor of Laws, University of Technology, Sydney (1996-1999)
- Advisor in Vietnam for Laureate Education Asia Ltd., Laureate International Universities.
- Chairman, Rosana Apartment Hotel Chain with apartment hotels in Ho Chi Minh City, Binh Duong, and Bac Ninh.
- Former Student Recruitment & Marketing Director, RMIT VN
- Former Deputy Director, Australian Education International,

Australian Embassy and Australian Consulate General.



Mr. Dao Phong Lam – Can Tho Chapter Chairman

He graduated from University of Western Australia with Master of Education in Assessment, Measurement & Evaluation in 2011.

- 1996 – Present: Lecturer in Academic English of the Department of Foreign Languages, Can Tho University.
- 2012 – 2014: Lecturer, Quality & Testing Centre, Can Tho Uni.
- 2014: Assessor of quality in education and training by higher education institutions in Viet Nam



Ms. Dang Thi Ngoc Lan – Can Tho Chapter’s Vice Chairwoman

She graduated Master of Education from University of Sydney in 2002.

- Dec 1994 – Sept 2002: Specialist – International Relations Dept., Can Tho University
- Oct 2002 – Aug 2007: Deputy Director – International Relations Dept., Can Tho University
- 2008 – 2012: Got PhD from Michigan State University
- Apr 2013 – Present: Associate Dean, Graduate School, Can Tho University.



Mr. Truong Vien, VGAC Hue Chapter Chairman

- Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL), University of Canberra
- Senior lecturer of TEFL and Linguistics, College of Foreign Languages, Hue University



Mr. Nguyen Van Long – Da Nang Chapter Chairman

He graduated from the University of Queensland with a MA in TESOL Studies – High Distinction in 2005

- Sept 1996 - Dec 2004: Lecturer, University of Foreign Language Studies, The University of Danang
- Apr 2006 - Nov 2007: Deputy Head, Academic Affairs, University of Foreign Language Studies, University of Danang
- Jan 2006 - Apr 2006: Lecturer, University of Foreign

Language Studies, The University of Danang

- Jul 2008 - Feb 2010: EUP Teacher (part-time), Centre for University Preparation and English Language Studies, Massey University
- 2011: PhD in Applied Linguistics, Massey University
- May 2013 - Present: CALL Specialist, National Foreign Languages Project 2020.
- Jun 2011 - Present: Head (Academic Affairs), University of Foreign Language Studies, The University of Danang.



Mr. Le Canh Duong, Danang Chapter Vice Chairman

Mr. Le Canh Duong has got 17-year experience in the government service, ranging from foreign investment consultancy, business development and international relations. He has been Vice Director of Danang Investment Promotion Center under Danang City People's Committee since 2006. Before that, he was Head of International Cooperation Division, Danang Department of Foreign Affairs. He has also held

several positions in other professional affiliations in Danang such as Vice President of Danang Young Government Officials Club, General Secretary of FDI Danang Club. He graduated from University of Queensland with Master of Business (International Business) in 2004. He is currently undertaking his Doctorate of Business Administration.



Mr. Le Tan Thi – Da Nang Chapter's Consultant

2001: Doctoral Development Program, The University of Queensland.

Current: Dean of ESP Department, College of Foreign Languages, The University of Da Nang.



Mr Hoang Le – Chapter in Australia

Hoang has a Master degree in International Business from Curtin University in Australia in 2007 and joined VGAC in 2008.

He has worked in various industries in both Australia and Vietnam, and has experience in business development, demand generation and industry/market research. His areas of expertise include marketing automation, business development, opportunity analysis and recommendations, partner screening and market intelligence, global strategic alliance management, trade promotion, investment attraction and partner matchmaking.

Hoang has advised multinational clients from Australia, the US, the UK, Germany, Spain, Hong Kong, China, and India on direct investment and trade promotion in Asia. He has also worked as a trade analyst and representative for the Washington State Department of Commerce; the Ohio State Department of Development; a country research analyst for Euromonitor International and Zenith International on FMCG market research projects in Vietnam.

He is currently working as a Sales and Marketing consultant with MarketOne Australia, a marketing agency for technology corporations such as Oracle, IBM, Intel, HP, NetApp, Polycom, Misys, among others.



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Following the success of previous Australian Alumni Awards, VGAC hosted 2014 Australian Alumni Awards Ceremony, supported by Australian Government, on 8th Nov 2014 in HCMC. The ceremony honoured outstanding alumni of Australian universities and colleges who have made major contributions to Vietnam in fields such as education, arts and culture, innovation and research, business, and sustainable social development. Below is a full list of awardees in 2014.



Mr. Le Van Phong, a University of Queensland alumnus, won the Special Award for Outstanding Achievement. He is the Project Manager of Children of Vietnam, focusing on helping disadvantaged children and their family in Da Nang and Quang Nam. This project receives great attention from the Vietnamese Government and donors elsewhere as it bases its operation on principles and methodologies of community development through case management model and an emphasis in a public and private partnership. His current contributions play a big role for social sustainable development of Vietnam, particularly for the well-being of disadvantaged people.

Ms. Ho Tran Da Thao, an Douglas Mawson Institute of Technology (TAFE SA) alumnus, was awarded the Australian Alumni Award for Media, Culture and Arts. She is currently the Founder and Creative Director of Tsafari Label - her Love of Culture and History always brings the identity and meaningful stories into her TSAFARI artworks which she aims to preserve Vietnamese hand-made techniques and traditional culture by ensuring a sustainable work for rural women and presenting Vietnam on the world fashion stage. She received Mercedes-Benz Asia Fashion Award 2004 and International Young Fashion Entrepreneur Award 2008.



Ms Thuong Nguyen Sobey, an alumnus from University of Technology, Sydney was awarded the Australian Alumni Award for Sustainable Social Development. Being diagnosed by advance breast cancer, despite despair and fear, the disease led her to seek information about breast cancer and found the Breast Cancer Network Vietnam (BCNV) in 2013, which improves the quality of life for hundreds of women affected by breast cancer and raising breast cancer awareness to communities in VN. She was awarded for Outstanding Achievements in Community Development Work by Hanoi Women Union.

Mr To Xuan Vu, a Curtin University alumnus, won the Outstanding Young Australian Alumni Award, sponsored by Curtin University. He is the Producer and Director of Documentary series for Vietnamese National TV Station, HTV9 & HTV7. At his young age, he has produced series of documentaries which allowed Vietnamese audience an insight into the people, the education, culture, society, history and the scenic vistas of Australia.





Mr. Vo Hung Tien, graduated a Master of Accounting from the Swinburne University of Technology. He won the Australian Alumni Award for Business Leadership, sponsored by Eden Saigon Hotel. He is the Board Chairman and General Director of A&C Auditing and Consulting Co., Ltd and was awarded the Certificate of Merit from the Prime Minister of Vietnam in 2014. With many years of working experiences in the fields of finance and accounting, he has directly managed the works of auditing and consultancy on finance, accounting and tax for State-owned companies, joint stock companies, foreign-invested capital companies, operating in various industries as well as for the projects financed by foreign organisations in Vietnam.

Dr. Tran Thi Tuyet, an alumna from La Trobe University, won the Australian Alumni Award for Research and Innovation. She is currently working as the Director of Language Education and Quality Assurance Research Center, ULIS, Vietnam National University, Hanoi. She has produced extensive academic publications over the past few years and received Certificate of Excellent from the President of Vietnam National University, Hanoi for outstanding achievement in Scientific Research in 2014. Upon her return to Vietnam, she has shared her research skills with other colleagues and made significant contributions to the National Foreign Languages Project 2020 of Vietnam.



Dr. Nguyen Xuan Trach, an alumnus from the University of New England, won the Australian Alumni Award for Education, sponsored by the University of Queensland. In the role as the Vice President for International Affairs, Quality Assurance, PhD training, Vietnam National University of Agriculture, he has overseen many collaborative projects between VNUA and international partners which enhance the university's teaching and research as well as national development, particularly in the agricultural sector. His extensive work experience to date has led him to his current position of executive responsibility at the VNUA, where he is able to influence the education of both Vietnamese nationals as well as international students, particularly as a driver for animal welfare teaching in Vietnam.



Mr. Alistair Briscoe graduated from the University of Newcastle and won the Friendship Award, which was decided after considering the significant and long-lasting contribution that he has made to the Australia – Vietnam bilateral relationship. Being a HIV and Human Trafficking Specialist in Central Mekong Delta Connectivity Project, CDM Smith, he has contributed to the understanding of health issues in Vietnam through his research work including one focusing on the elimination of Dengue via community programs in Central Vietnam and the second on improved methods for data collection for public health purposes in Vietnam.

COOKING CLASS ON 15/03/2014

In order to celebrate the International Women's Day, ten cooking-lovers from VGAC joined a private cooking class with full of excitement & fun at the Golden Apple Cooking Center. Three courses included Nom Hoa Chuoi, Cha Ca La Vong & Caramel.



Chef Nguyen Quang Trang, a 20-year-experience chef in Hanoi 5-star hotel did not only provide useful cooking tips and great advice for Vietnamese home-cooked meals but also taught how to present the dishes simple yet beautiful.



AUSTRALIAN ALUMNI GALA 2013

A special Gala was hosted on 8/11/2013 by VGAC at Daewoo Hotel in Hanoi. The ceremony was attended by senior officers from agencies of Vietnamese and Australian Government, representatives of universities and businesses from Vietnam and Australia, and a hundred of Australian alumni.

The Gala 2013 – "Australian Alumni Documentary Film Premier" was one of the most important events this year to celebrate the 40th anniversary of diplomatic relationship between Vietnam and Australia. It was a good opportunity for Australian alumni to meet their friends, enjoy Australian atmosphere, and recall the best memory of living and studying in Australia. Besides, VGAC also presented the Australian Alumni Documentary Film.



Networking Event on 11/08/2014: "Share your success. You share - We learn"

The event was co-hosted by VGAC and AusCham with three guest speakers Ms. Dang Tan Huong – Alumni Manager of Australia Awards, Mr. Nguyen Nhu Chuong - Chairman of Rosana Apartment Hotel, and Ms. Tori Dixon Whittle - CEO of TDWCo.

In this event, the speakers shared their success stories, their ups and downs in their own businesses and jobs. Ms. Huong Dang started with an informative presentation of successful Australian alumni who received Australian Government's scholarship. Mr. Chuong Nguyen, on the other hand, from his perspective, his success is "Great Health, Happy Family, Financial Freedom and Giving Back Society". Ms. Tori Dixon Whittle ended up with a short yet informative talk of "How to balance work and life".



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PROFESSIONAL TALK ON 28/03/2014

UPDATES ON NEW TAX POLICIES EFFECTIVE FROM 2014



The event was co-hosted by VGAC Hanoi Chapter, CPA Australia and Vietnam Tax Consultant Association (VTCA) with Ms Nguyen Thi Cuc, the President of Vietnam Tax Consultant Association as the guest speaker.

Ms Nguyen Thi Cuc discussed various issues related to the changes of Tax policies in 2014 including: the amended law on Value Added Tax, new regulations on invoices and vouchers, the amended law on Corporate Income Tax, tax management and administrative sanctions on tax and invoice violations.

The participants were mostly VGAC's, CPA Australia's and VTCA's members found this extremely informative for their professions.



PartyinSaigon, which was published in 2009, is a website that has information about entertainment at night in HCMC. Having worked in entertainment for five years, PartyinSaigon has expanded day by day to other fields, such as restaurants, high-end cafés, spas, hotels, etc.

Especially in 2013, PiS launched its membership card, which is named PiSmembers, for those people who are interested in places of PartyinSaigon. The card was warmly welcomed because of its function as well as its easy and simple usage. If you really care of the place to hangout, it is time to think about PartyinSaigon's website.

Now PiS does not only recommend places, but also becomes a company which specialises in consulting and developing advertisement campaign for this specific field – entertainment at night.

PartyinSaigon Everyday is a Party.

Mid-autumn Festival 2013 - Co-hosted with Golden Key Club RMIT HN - GK)

Hoa Binh Village (Thanh Xuan, HN) is a specialist school and medical centre providing relief to the child victims of Agent Orange, Dioxin poisoning and other mental and physical disabilities. Being the energetic adolescents with the desire to make a minor contribution to bring the happiness for children suffering from Dioxin exposure, on 18/9/2013, VGAC and Golden Key Club RMIT HN co-hosted the event named "Trung Thu Cho Em". We received donation of 9,000,000 VND which was used for buying food and drinks, toys and stationeries for the disadvantaged children.



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Curtin University is one of the largest and most multicultural universities in Western Australia, offering students an international experience, quality education and the opportunity to live and study in one of the most diverse cities in the world. With the vision to be an international leader in research and an education that changes minds, lives and the world, we welcome more than 50,000 students from over 130 countries. This includes more than 17,200 international students – Australia's third largest international student population. The University is ranked in the world's top 300 universities, and offers a broad range of internationally recognized degrees at undergraduate, postgraduate and doctoral levels. Students may choose degrees from

the areas of business, science, engineering, humanities and health sciences.

Our strong industry links take your degree beyond the classroom and into the real world. As a Curtin student, you will have access to leading businesses and employer networks, along with a unique learning experience and support services so you can make the most of your time at university. In addition, our established networks with over 400 institutions in 40 countries can provide you with the opportunities for career development, travel and further study.

Our main Bentley campus is located in Perth, the capital city of Western Australia. Perth has a population of more 1.6 million people, and is a popular travel and study destination. We have campuses in Sydney, Singapore and Malaysia and strong connections to business, industry and over 90 universities worldwide.





VGAC organised a networking event for members and students who were interested in studying in Australia on 06/11/2013 at Can Tho University. The Australian Alumni Documentary Film 2013 was showed. Mr. Dao Phong Lam, Can Tho Chapter's Chairman, gave the film's DVD to Mr. Tran Thanh Be and Ms Dang Thi Ngoc Lan, two chosen alumni of the film.

Mr. Tran Dinh Phuong, a VGAC member and representatives of ILA OSC attended the event to share experiences and information about studying and living in Australia.



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Over AU\$1 billion has recently been invested in the Macquarie campus to give you the very best facilities for learning, research and recreation. Macquarie's library is unique in Australia, with the country's first robotic storage and retrieval system.

Macquarie provides a welcoming home to over 11,000 international students from more than 100 countries. Our international mix was recently recognised by Times Higher Education, which ranked Macquarie the number 9 most international

university in the world.

Macquarie offers a range of undergraduate and postgraduate degrees in study areas such as business, engineering and information technology, environment, health and medical sciences, law, media and creative arts, and science. We were named one of the top 50 institutions in the world by the latest QS World University Rankings by Subject when it comes to linguistics (43), psychology (48) and earth and marine sciences (48).

Location Sydney, New South Wales **Established** 1964 **Total student population** 38,000
International student population 11,000 **CRICOS code** 00002J **Sessions** Feb-Jun, Jul-Dec

In 2013, with the support of the Australian Government and sponsors, VGAC produced the Australian Alumni Documentary Film - the first documentary film about the Australian Alumni in Vietnam, who are also the members of VGAC. The film retold rewarding journeys and touching stories of Australian alumni, features 40 high profile alumni who have made significant achievements for the development of Vietnam, and for the bilateral relations between Vietnam and Australia. Moreover, the film also recalled golden memories of alumni while studying and living in Australia, to appreciate how Australian Education has helped them to gain high achievements in life and above all, the valuable experience for students who are and will choose Australia as a country for studying.

The filming crew travelled to Hanoi, Hue, Da Nang, Da Lat, Kien Giang, Can Tho and HCMC to interview chosen alumni.



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VGAC'S INFORMATION SESSION ON ENDEAVOUR AWARDS INTAKE 2014

On 24 April, 2013, the information of the awards and experience in applying Endeavour awards was presented by Ms Sally Burnard, the Education & Research Counsellor and some Endeavour Award holders. VGAC members were very interested in opportunities to come back to Australia for study, research and professional development in Australia.



AusCham is delighted to be associated with VGAC's 2014 Alumni Awards and sincerely congratulates all winners and nominees for their outstanding achievements. AusCham is very keen to work with VGAC to develop our relationship with the Australian Alumni who have returned to Vietnam and entered the world of business. With cultural and linguistic fluency in both Australia and Vietnam, these alumni are uniquely positioned to make a difference in organisations that have a business link with Australia.

Accordingly, AusCham is repositioning itself to become more relevant to Australian Alumni and, in the process, aim to raise the profile and perceived value of an Australian education.

In November 2014, together with ATS, AusCham co hosted a Higher Employment to Education Fair in HCMC. The event brought together top tier Australian education providers, students – and, for the first time, top tier employers in Vietnam who will be looking to employ Australian educated graduates. On 1 February, 2015, AusCham will co host "Welcome Back" events for graduates returning from Australia. We will bring together the fresh graduates, seasoned graduates and employers while, in the background, the Men's Final of the Australian Tennis Open from Melbourne Park will play on a giant TV screen.

AusCham will also co host a number of other networking and business events with VGAC during the year.

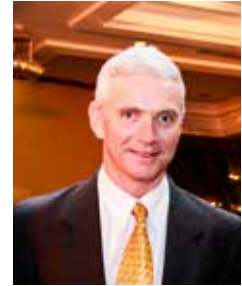
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VGAC SEMINAR – TOURISM MANAGEMENT

With the support of the Australian Trade Commission, the seminar for VGAC HCMC Chapter's members in Tourism Management "A Knowledge Management Approach to Environmental Sustainability in Tourism" was held on 11th January, 2013 at Grand Hotel Saigon. It was presented by Mr. Jean Marie Ip Soo Ching, Lecturer in Marketing, Management and Tourism at La Trobe University, Australia. With more than

ten year working in Education / Airlines / Hotel / Hospitality industry, Mr. Le Minh Thanh, who is a VGAC member, a lecturer in tourism at Hoa Sen University, HCMC came and shared his researches and experiences in Vietnam.



VGAC HCMC CHAPTER'S MID-AUTUMN FESTIVAL 2013

On 14/09/2013, VGAC's members visited the school for disabled children, Thanh Tam Open House, Can Gio, HCMC. The school has helped and taught 120 children, including 43 disabled kids who are retarded, suffered from down, deaf and dumb.

After calling donation for this festival, we received 32,742,000 dong to buy lanterns, and necessary items for kids. We prepared a party with meals, cakes and gifts for all children on the day. Kids were very happy, and as an exchange, we also got an opportunity to learn a lot from them.



VGAC'S NETWORKING EVENTS – CO-ORGANISED WITH CPA AUSTRALIA

CPA Australia is a very important partner of VGAC. In 2014, VGAC co-organised two sharing and networking events with CPA. The first one is about "How to maximise your career success and become a strategic business leader?" on 21/03/2014 and the second one is about "How to succeed in the area of Finance and Accounting" on 04/07/2014. In 2015, we will continue this collaboration to bring more interesting networking events to VGAC's and CPA Australia's members.





The group of students from Griffith Honours College (Australia) and VGAC members arrived Can Tho on 24/12/2013, where they enjoyed X'mas Party together.



On 25/12/2013, they woke up very early to visit a floating market, where they found various kinds of fruits and see how people did their business. After that, they moved to Vi Thanh to attend a "cooking class". They made Vietnamese pancakes and spring rolls themselves, and had lunch with the foods they just had made before.



Conservation and Development of Kien Giang Biosphere Reserve Project is the first example of delegated cooperation where AusAID commissioned GIZ with the implementation of a biodiversity conservation project in Kien Giang Province to mitigate effects of climate change. The cooperation is based on a Memorandum of Understanding between the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) and AusAID signed 9th February 2007 where the partners commit themselves to look for synergies amongst their activities and ensure the exchange of experiences in all fields of development cooperation.

On 26/12/2013, VGAC members and the Griffith Honours College's students visited GIZ's office and were introduced about GIZ's projects and Kien Giang's environment.

On 27/12/2013, under the arrangement of GIZ's staffs, they had a chance to visit GIZ's projects.



On 29/12/2013, VGAC members and the Griffith Honours College's students continued to visit Cat Tien – National Park where they grew their own trees.

They attended a seminar about monkeys, and Dao Tien's projects. And when the dark came down, they enjoyed camp-fire.



VGAC – HCMC CHAPTER'S CHARITY: A NEW YEAR WITH LOVE 2014

On Sunday, 05/01/2014, VGAC arranged a charity trip for members and Griffith Honours College's students to Cu Chi with LHL Charity Group. They gave donation by cash and in-kind things to the programme and a great contribution on the day by supporting the paediatricians to make general health check for children.



VGAC HCMC CHAPTER'S GATHERING

On 16 March 2013, Area Director for Southeast Asia, Ms Ling Xiang QUEK shared information about career opportunities in Singapore. Members of VGAC HCMC Chapter had a chance to gather and pose questions to find out more about what it is like to work, live and play in Singapore.



VGAC MID-AUTUMN FESTIVAL 2014

On 31/08/2014, VGAC cooperated with the Lhl Charity to run a mid-autumn show with love for disadvantaged children at Lo Duc Church, Dong Nai.

We called donation to give:

- 05 scholarships (2,950,000 dong/one) to students who have studied well for 3 consecutive years, confirmed by the school and locality.
 - 02 wheelchairs, with 3,500,000 dong/each (Kien Tuong KTX02) for disadvantaged people.
 - 3,000 lanterns and 3,000 moon-cakes to children.
- VGAC members became Sister Hang and Uncle Cuoi to give gifts and bring smiles to disadvantaged children.

Despite a heavy rain, about 3,000 children came to the church to attend the festival.



PARTICIPATION ON THE INTERNATIONAL FRIENDSHIP DAY

With the support of Australian Trade Commission and members, VGAC attended the International Friendship Day on 25/5/2013. VGAC's booth attracted many visitors by useful information about studying and living in Australia. VGAC members helped them design their own Flamington.



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VGAC'S FANTASTIC SUMMER WITH AUSTRALIAN ALUMNI

– Supported by AusCham



On 26/07/2014, VGAC organised a networking trip "Fantastic Summer with Australian Alumni" with the support of AusCham. This trip was a good chance for members to relax after hard working days and get to know new friends at Loc An resort, Dat Do, Ba Ria – Vung Tau province.



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VGAC Membership

VGAC – The Australian Alumni in Vietnam cordially invites you to join VGAC by contacting VGAC to get the Registration Form. It is free to become a VGAC member.

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Besides the basic membership, a VGAC member will have more interesting and various benefits when s/he joins Membership Card with the fee of 800,000 VND/year.

- Free entrance to monthly networking events
- Discount to join all VGAC events
- Discount for VGAC's short courses
- Discount when using products/services of VGAC's partners
- Using this card for all programmes of The Gioi Uu Dai

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Inspired by the ancient carving Art - century 17th, 18th with a special closeness to nature, Fashion Entrepreneur Ho Tran Da Thao (Vietnamese) has created her elegant and unique Spring Summer 2015 collection, the ANCIENT GARDEN. The craft-men used simple geometry such as circle, rectangular, square, etc. and flowers, birds to design and carve beautiful wooden patterns expressing the happiness, prosperity and luckiness in the King's houses and temples. At present, By her love of sustaining the precious history, she made a research for so long to find those documents and designed them more charming, more creative through her contemporary fashion style. Drawing, embroidering and printing used harmoniously on the material bring her collections special and luxury, stable and modern. Love of Culture and History always bring the identity and meaningful stories into her TSAFARI artworks.

HO TRAN DA THAO (ms)

- Mercedes-Benz Asia Fashion Award 2004
- Fashion Show in Singapore 2005
- Young Fashion Entrepreneur Award 2008
- Fashion Workshops in London 2009
- Master Class by Sir Paul Smith in UK 2009

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