

VIETNAMESE CONSORTIUM FELLOWSHIP: 20 YEARS AFTER SYMPOSIUM

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On August 7, 2019, Dr. Allan Mackinnon and the Faculty of Education welcomed back five Vietnamese Consortium Fellowship Program alumni and their spouses to share discussions on how the program impacted and influenced their role as a teacher in Vietnam.

SFU Ed Review was honoured to be invited to join in this celebration because we were given the opportunity to meet two alumni from the program; Dr. Le Van Hao and Dr. Nguyen Quoc Chinh who are co-authors with Dr. Mackinnon on a published



(Left to right) Dr. Mackinnon, Dr. Hao, Dr. Tan, Dr. Chinh.



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article in the 2016 issue. The article by Dr. Mackinnon, Dr. Hao and Dr. Chinh “presents an analysis of a learning community that formed in a project in science curriculum development at the tertiary level in Vietnam during the nineties” (Mackinnon, Hao & Chinh, 2016¹).

The Symposium was held at Halpern Center at Simon Fraser University on Burnaby Mountain. The day started with words of welcome from Faculty of Education, Office of International Education, SFU Alumni Relations and program alumni and their spouses. Dr. Hao of Nha Trang University and Dr. Chinh of Vietnam National University began by sharing their memories their time in Vancouver and in the program twenty years ago. In addition, they shared how their experiences in the program has contributed to strengthening Vietnamese Higher Education and

¹ MacKinnon, A., Hao, L. V., & Chinh, N. Q. (2016). Synergistic, ecological education development: The Vietnam Consortium Fellowship Program. *SFU Educational Review*, 9. doi:10.21810/sfuer.v9i.303

how the program influenced their career as a science educator and how they transformed science teaching and learning in their own classroom and with their peers.

Everyone reminisced about the support and care they felt from everyone in the program. As a thank you to different people who supported the program, Dr. Hao and Dr. Chinh generously gifted beautiful hand-crafted ceramic Vietnamese vases and SFU Ed Review received one for being part of this journey towards the end by having the privilege to publish and showcase the program in 2016 issue.

On behalf of SFU Ed Review, we'd like to wish each alumnus from this program continued success as they continue to make positive impact and changes in science education in Vietnamese Education.



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