

Conference Agenda



5th VEF ALUMNI CONFERENCE AGENDA

Theme: *VEF Alumni: Giving Back to Vietnam*
Date: June 14-16, 2013
Conference Hotel: Sheraton Nha Trang Hotel
26-28 Tran Phu Street, Nha Trang
Venue for University Visit: Nha Trang University
No. 2 Nguyen Dinh Chieu, Nha Trang

DAY 1 – Friday, June 14

Morning-3:00 pm Out-of-town Conference participants arrive in Nha Trang

11:00 am-6:00 pm **Conference Registration**
(Hon Ong Room, Third Floor, Sheraton Nha Trang Hotel)

1:30-3:00 pm **Outreach Activity**
Auditorium, Nha Trang University
(Optional as per pre-registration)

3:30-5:30 pm **Alumni Community Service Project: Beach clean-up project with Nha Trang University students**
(Nha Trang Beach, across from Sheraton Nha Trang Hotel)

6:00-8:00 pm **Welcome Reception**
(Yersin Ballroom, Second Floor, Sheraton Nha Trang Hotel)

Key-note Speaker
Mr. An LE, Consul General, U.S. Consulate General, Ho Chi Minh City

How do we make a difference together? – Video Clip

8:00 pm Free Evening: Dinner on your own

DAY 2 – Saturday, June 15

- 6:30-7:30 am Breakfast (for conference participants staying at the Sheraton Hotel)
(Feast Restaurant, First Floor, Sheraton Nha Trang Hotel)
- 7:45 am Bus pick-up from Sheraton Nha Trang Hotel Lobby to
Nha Trang University
- 8:15-9:30 am **Plenary Session at Nha Trang University**
(Auditorium, Nha Trang University)
- 8:15-8:30 am VEF 10th Anniversary film,
A Bridge to the Future
- 8:30-9:00 am Welcome Remarks
- Ms. Sandy DANG, VEF Board Member
 - Dr. LE Thanh Binh, Deputy Director, Department of International Cooperation, Ministry of Science and Technology
- 9:00-9:30 am Presentation
- Associate Professor Dr. TRANG Si Trung, Vice President, Nha Trang University
- 9:30-9:45 am **Group Photo Session**
- 10:00 am-11:30 am **Small-Group Visits to 5 departments at Nha Trang University/Community Outreach at Nha Trang SOS Village (for orphaned and abandoned children)**
(As per pre-registration both online and on-site)
1. Department of Aquaculture and Centre for Aquatic Breeds and Diseases
 2. Department of Biotechnology and Environment
 3. Department of Food Technology
 4. Department of Mechanical Engineering
 5. Department of Transportation Engineering
- 10:00-10:15 am: Presentation/introduction about each institution
10:15-11:00 am: Informal discussions/seminars/experience sharing
11:00-11:30 am: Tour of each institution
6. Nha Trang SOS Village
(2/4 Street, Dong De, Vinh Hoa, Nha Trang)
- 11:45 am Bus pick-up from Nha Trang University/The SOS Village to return to
Sheraton Nha Trang Hotel
- 12:00-1:30 pm **Lunch**
(Feast Restaurant, First Floor, Sheraton Nha Trang Hotel)

1:45-2:45 pm

Plenary Session

(Yersin Ballroom, Second Floor, Sheraton Nha Trang Hotel)

Key-note Speaker

Dr. Alan PHAN, Chairman, Viasa Fund

2:45-3:00 pm

Tea Break

3:00-5:30 pm

Parallel Working Groups: VEF Alumni Projects. Working Groups will discuss, plan, design and map out a feasible and pragmatic action plans (with deadlines and outcomes), for working projects to be executed in the next year.

Session 1: VEF Alumni Summer Courses (First summer course to be piloted at Nha Trang University)

Facilitators:

- Dr. LE Van Hao, VEF Visiting Scholar Alumnus, Cohort 2008
- Dr. NGUYEN Thi Ngan, Deputy Director, International Cooperation Department, Nha Trang University
- Dr. NGO Thi Phuong Dung, VEF Visiting Scholar Alumna, Cohort 2007

(Hon Ong Room, Third Floor)

Session 2: Contributing to Communities: Health Care and Beyond

Facilitators:

- Dr. HA Huu Toan, VEF Fellowship Alumnus, Cohort 2004
- Dr. NGUYEN Cuong Quoc, VEF Fellowship Alumnus, Cohort 2004

(Hon Ba Room, Third Floor)

Session 3: Training for Success: Soft Skills for Students

Facilitators:

- Ms. PHAM Thi Minh Tam, VEF Fellowship Alumna, Cohort 2004
- Dr. TRINH Thi Hoa, VEF Fellowship Alumna, Cohort 2004
- Ms. Sandy DANG, VEF Board Member

(Hon Tre Room, Third Floor)

Session 4: Best for Business: Connections that Count

Facilitators:

- Dr. Alan PHAN, Chairman, Viasa Fund
- Dr. LE Tien Dung, VEF Fellowship Alumnus, Cohort 2005
- Dr. NGUYEN Thai Ha, VEF Fellowship Alumnus, Cohort 2003

(Yersin Ballroom, Second Floor)

Session 5: From an Idea to a Plan: Create the Possibilities (open session for potential projects)

(Hon Mun Room, Third Floor)

5:30-6:30 pm	Free Time
6:30 pm	Bus pick-up from Sheraton Nha Trang Hotel Lobby to Champa Island Resort
6:45-10:00 pm	Gala Dinner <i>(Champa Island Resort, No. 304, 2/4 Street, Nha Trang City)</i>
10:00 pm	Bus pick-up from Champa Island Resort to return to Sheraton Nha Trang Hotel

DAY 3 – Sunday, June 16:

6:30-7:30 am	Breakfast <i>(Feast Restaurant, Sheraton Nha Trang Hotel.)</i>
6:30-8:00 am	Alumni check out of Sheraton Nha Trang Hotel <i>(Luggage to be kept by the Hotel Concierge)</i>
8:00-9:15 am	Parallel Working Group Sessions (cont.): Further refinement of design of projects and action plans. Session 1: VEF Alumni Summer Courses (First summer course to be piloted at Nha Trang University) <i>(Hon Ong Room, Third Floor)</i> Session 2: Contributing to Communities: Health Care and Beyond <i>(Hon Ba Room, Third Floor)</i> Session 3: Training for Success: Soft Skills for Students <i>(Hon Tre Room, Third Floor)</i> Session 4: Best for Business: Connections that Count <i>(Yersin Ballroom, Second Floor)</i> Session 5: From an Idea to a Plan: Create the Possibilities (open session for potential projects) <i>(Hon Mun Room, Third Floor)</i>
9:15-9:30 am	Tea Break
9:30-11:15 am	From ideas to action: Giving back to Vietnam: Wrap Up, Presentation of Each Working Group, and Q&A <i>(Yersin Ballroom)</i>
11:15-11:45 am	Concluding Remarks
12:00-1:30 pm	Lunch <i>(Feast Restaurant, First Floor, Sheraton Nha Trang Hotel)</i>
Afternoon	Departure: Travel to the airport