DTU Hosts International ACM/ICPC Competition

In order to learn more and more about Information Technology outstanding students from across Asia get together at Duy Tan University on November 27th for the 22nd Olympiad in Informatics for Vietnamese students and the 38th ACM International Collegiate Programming Contest (ACM/ICPC). This year's competitions have nearly 700 Vietnamese students from universities and colleges nationwide, and 15 foreign teams from Japan, China, Korea, Thailand, Taiwan, Hong Kong and Indonesia.

Distinguished Teacher Le Cong Co receives a Certificate of Merit from the Vietnam Union of Science and Technology Association

Distinguished Teacher Le Cong Co, DTU President and Provost, said: "*It is an honor for us to welcome these outstanding students to DTU in Danang to participate in two important Informatics competitions. The 21st century is the century of the knowledge economy, when Information Technology will be vital to boost our standard of living. This is why, since the early days of its inception, DTU has decided that IT is the key to the academic advancement of training and research. DTU and Carnegie Mellon University, one of the four leading American universities in IT, signed an agreement for the licensing of Software Engineering, Information Systems and Network Security curricula to DTU. DTU has now become a respected provider of a well-qualified IT labor force in the Central Region. All the students participating in this competition are outstanding. I want you to succeed and continue to enter many other international contests to foster your careers in IT and contribute to the development of our country.*"

Mr. Phung Tan Viet delivers a speech at the competition

The opening ceremony was attended by Mr. Phung Tan Viet, the Danang People's Committee Vice-Chairman, who said: *"As one of the five self-governed cities, planned as a key economic zone in the Central Region, Danang has planned five development strategies, including IT. Efficient investment in ICT infrastructure, the development of hardware and software and the construction of software parks and data centers has resulted in an increase of ICT sector revenues by over 20% in the last five years. Information Technology is a science which helps promote the development of many other sciences and spurs the economy at the same time. So investing in ICT training and research is a necessary step in business and universities. DTU is a multi-level, multi-discipline university. The rapid development of IT in recent years has confirmed the strategic vision of international collaboration and training improvement established by the DTU Board. DTU has become a well-known source of qualified IT staff in the Central Region and DTU students have done well in many contests, both national and international. These two big Information Technology competitions have become significant annual events for participating students. Danang greatly appreciates the excellent work of DTU and MOET, the Vietnam Informatics Association, the Vietnam Student Association and the Danang Informatics Association in organizing these competitions together."*

The DTU team

At the opening ceremony, the Vietnam Union of Science and Technology Association awarded a Certificate of Merit to Dr. Le Nguyen Bao, DTU Vice-Rector and Ms. Nguyen Thi Khiem Hoa of Banking University (Ho Chi Minh City) for their hard work in organizing and hosting the competitions. The organizing board also presented the winners of first, second and third prizes to teams that participated in the 2013 ACM/ICPC Online Contest, held in Indonesia and Thailand.

During the competitions, the MOET, DTU and the Vietnam Huawei Technology Company arranged many other activities, including the final round of Creative Summer for Programming Open-Source Software Applications, the Mobile Applications Renovation contest and a sightseeing tour.

Le Yen Thanh, a student of University of Science in Ho Chi Minh City, who won a bronze medal in the 2013 ACM/ICPC Online Contest and was champion in the Olympiad in Informatics for Vietnamese students in 2012, said: *"The competitions have helped us develop skills in creative thinking and programming. This is the first time I have been to Danang and everything seems strange to me. However, DTU's warm welcome and assistance have made deep impression on me. I know that the competitions have attracted many outstanding contestants and I have tried my best to do well."*

Everyone tried their hardest in the two contests. The most outstanding contestants from the qualifying round of ACM/ICPC will be selected to compete at the ACM/ICPC World Finals, to be held in Ekaterinburg, Russia in 2014.

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