Preliminary Round of the 2013 DTU Student Talent & Beauty Contest

In order to honor the beauty, talent and intelligence of young men and women, the DTU Youth Union and Center for Arts and Sports held the preliminary round of the 2013 DTU Student Talent & Beauty Contest on December 8th. Fifteen young women and six couples qualified for the finals on December 30th at the Trung Vuong theater in Danang.

The contest attracted many students from high schools in Danang. Among the 79 candidates in the first round were 54 young women and 25 couples. There were two competitive components in the contest, including an Ao Dai traditional costume parade and talent presentations.

Truong Thi Thu Thao's talent presentation from the DTU Tourism Faculty

In Vietnam, Ao Dais are worn on various occasions, not just traditional ones. Young women often use it as school uniform and usually wear it every Monday. In beauty contests the Ao Dai makes them look even more feminine and beautiful. In contrast to the graceful beauty of the young women, the confidence and dignity of the young men also impressed the judges.

Candidates won the judge's hearts because of their beauty and talents, by their singing, dancing and versatility. The audience loved their dynamism gave the contests huge rounds of applause.

Nguyen Do Thao Tam and Dang Van Dong, one of six couples reaching the finals

Ho Bich Phuong from Thai Phien high school remarked: *"The 2013 DTU beauty pageant is really professional and gives us the opportunity to demonstrate our capabilities, to share ideas and to make new friends. Thanks to the contest, we feel more dynamic and confident."* Another candidate, Thai Binh Minh, of N19DLK2, said: *"The contest helps us practice the skills necessary for our future careers, such as public speaking and is really interesting and useful."*

Fifteen young women and six couples with a bright future were chosen to enter the finals at the Trung Vuong Theater in Danang on December 30th.

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