

Sources of Essential Oils in Vietnam and Their Uses Worldwide

As synthetic perfumes are now dominating the market, consumers are becoming confused about their sources and fearful of the exploitation of the non-toxic, essential oils favored in the beauty and fragrance industry today. Duy Tan University organized a seminar entitled “Sources of Essential Oils in Vietnam and Their Uses Worldwide” on December 23rd. Representatives from Danang and the Tay Giang district in Quang Nam attended, together with members of local hospitals and pharmaceutical companies, and DTU lecturers and students.



Assistant Professor Dr. Nguyen Thi Tam speaks

“In our 22nd year, Duy Tan University is opening up new directions in study and research,” explained Assistant Professor Nguyen Ngoc Minh, the DTU Vice-Provost in charge of Medicine and Pharmacy. *“The Medicine and Pharmacy faculty is focused on educating new generations of doctors to meet the ever increasing health care needs of the population. In doing so, DTU has realized the importance of research in these fields and has already made some significant achievements. These include the discovery of a method to eradicate bindweed in the Cham Island special-use forest and the successful application of the nutritional composite DH 93 to cultivate rice in Hoa Vang, Danang. DTU organizes academic exchanges, such as international seminars on “IT Applications in Medicine” and “Screening and Searching for Compounds which Prevent Cancer from Vietnamese Medicinal Herbs”, and the collaboration with the Tay Giang district to research the exploitation and protection of other valuable medicinal herbs. Through this latest seminar, DTU aims to broaden its research on sources of essential oils in this rapidly evolving marketplace, in order to intelligently leverage the rich and diverse resources of Vietnam.”*



Political leaders, hospital and pharmaceutical staff, and DTU lecturers and students

Assistant Professor Tam, an essential oil research specialist, highlighted the value of essential oils, identified their sources and potential ways of extracting them in Vietnam. She explained in detail about plants that can supply large quantities of the essential oils favored by both Vietnamese and foreigners, such as camphor, cinnamon, basil and May Chang. Each of these produces oils with distinctive aromas, allowing consumers to choose which ones they prefer to freshen and spice up their lives. She also gave advice on the use of synthetic perfumes, toxic chemicals that affect people's health.

Many good ideas arose at the seminar, which will all help Duy Tan University to focus on and develop research on herbs and essential oils in more depth. DTU also arranged for the attendees to visit the Tay Giang district, known as the biggest cultivar granary of Quang Nam, to witness the cultivation of plants and open up new avenues of beneficial research.

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