

The Duy Tan Aspiration

The “Duy Tan Aspiration” Ceremony began a series of events to commemorate the 20th anniversary of DTU and was held on the evening of April 29th at the Trung Vuong Theatre. The ceremony emphasized the ambition that DTU will become one of the leading universities in Vietnam and the world within the next twenty years.

The Duy Tan Spirit and a Reunion of Old Compatriots

Long after the Duy Tan Movement was first established, future generations should remember and keep in their hearts the glorious victories of the past and the need to continue broadening their minds and perspectives. The spirit of self-control and independence were first manifested in the Declaration of Independence by Ly Thuong Kiet, “Binh Ngo Dai Cao” by Nguyen Trai and the Duy Tan movement, initiated by Phan Chau Trinh. Future generations have imbibed the same patriotic spirit as Nguyen Tat Thanh, who followed in our ancestors’ footsteps by leading the Vietnamese nationalist movement to independence and freedom.



Mrs. Nguyen Thi Binh addresses the ceremony

In this spirit, the ceremony served as a reunion for compatriots who witnessed that glorious and proud moment of history, thirty-nine years ago. That was a long time ago, but the joy of liberation day and the aspiration for innovation and advancement is still in their hearts. Mrs. Nguyen Thi Binh, former State Vice-President, said: *“President Ho Chi Minh stated that the independence we strived for is meaningless if Vietnam still lives in poverty and misery. To achieve this goal, we must work very hard in many areas, and the refinement of our education system should have top priority. It is important that Duy Tan University organized this 'Duy Tan Aspiration' ceremony in commemoration its 20th anniversary, because every self-respecting country should always strive to innovate and advance to a better future.”*

Mr. Nguyen Huu Thai, former Chairman of the Students' General Association in Saigon, said: *"We were victorious at Dien Bien Phu and that surprised the whole world. The younger generation should make big contributions to development of Vietnam in the areas of the economy and education, so that the Duy Tan Spirit can fly higher in the new age."*

The Duy Tan Aspiration Flies High

As the founder of DTU, Distinguished Teacher Le Cong Co said: *"We are now living in an age of freedom and democracy. We must always remember our ancestors, who sacrificed their lives for the independence of our country. Following in the steps of our forefathers, Duy Tan University is determined to become an internationally recognized university, graduating citizens of the world. To achieve this ambition, we must follow our dreams and convey our enthusiasm and passion to the younger generations, so that they will all become balanced and well-qualified citizens. Duy Tan University continues to evolve and rightly deserves in the near future to be recognized as 'The Heroic University' in the heroic city of Danang."*



Distinguished Teacher Le Cong Co hands the Duy Tan Torch to the younger generation

The ceremony was attended by Mr. Phung Tan Viet, Vice-President of the Danang Peoples Committee who praised DTU's achievements. Danang is developing rapidly day-by-day as a result of the strong support of government agencies, local, national and international business and Duy Tan University. In the course of its development, DTU has always been a pioneer in innovation, from training programs to international partnerships, which have greatly improved the quality of education. DTU has become a private university with a brand name and won broad public acclaim. This has been achieved by the sustained efforts of the DTU faculty and staff, and has made an impact on educational development throughout Vietnam.

Vietnamese songs, dances and poems of the nation and the Central Region were performed. The audience listened to a poem called "My Hometown", written by Le Phuong Thao. (The DTU President used this

alias when he was active in the war). “My Hometown” describes the sadness of a soldier when he sees his native country being destroyed by war and then his joy on the day of liberation.

The Ceremony warmed the hearts of attendees with the spirit of solidarity and friendship. The Duy Tan Torch was handed by Mrs. Nguyen Thi Binh to Distinguished Teacher Le Cong Co, DTU President and Provost, who then passed it on to the younger generation.

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