

VIET NAM

Vietnam Alumni Club of Youth
Friendship Exchange Programs



★ "FLEXIBILITY & CREATIVITY DURING THE PANDEMIC"



Country Report: 2021 is a year with many challenges for the entire world due to the continuous development of the COVID-19 pandemic. In the early stage, it made people who are disadvantaged, unemployed, and living in small residential areas unable to access necessary resources. Acknowledging these difficulties, the Vietnamese PYs of the 46th SSEAYP built and implemented a Post-Program Activity (PPA), which is named **"Dear Saigon Project,"** to continue to give back to the community. Since the end of the 46th SSEAYP, the spirit of giving back to society is still burning in these young people and we look forward to many more PPAs in the future.

The success of the community projects must be created by the thorough understanding of the community's present need, the clever allocation of the existing resources, and the collective efforts of many stakeholders. These include sponsors, suburban farms, transport units, volunteers, and the enthusiastic support of local authorities.



Social Contribution Activities: Viet Nam, especially Ho Chi Minh City has been facing many difficulties with the third wave of COVID-19 during the last two quarters of 2021. The citywide lock-down policy contributed to preventing the outbreak of the disease. Within one month, under the direction of **Ms. Tran Hoang Khanh Van** (NL2019), the project quickly built a supply chain by collecting, transporting, and distributing food and necessities from nearby provinces to Ho Chi Minh City. Products were transferred directly from the farm to the hands of those in need. Moreover, with an effort to add a touch of creativity, a short clip with the song "Bai Ca Truyen Rau" with a catchy melody and funny choreography was produced to attract the community's attention. This communication activity received the participation of a large number of ex-Vietnamese PYs from many batches from all over the world.



Prominent Alumni: Journalist **Ms. Dang Thi Diem Quynh** (NL2008) is currently the Director of the Television Film Production Center (VFC), Vietnam Television. Ms. Quynh shared "SSEAYP is an exceptionally cherished experience, fully packed with knowledge and emotion for anyone lucky enough to participate. Unlike other international youth exchange programs, SSEAYP is a lively journey of discovering the world and self-training, leaving a deep and beautiful impression for the rest of your life. I joined SSEAYP when I was no longer a youngster, but together with the young people, I lived my youth once more, opened my heart to the joy and challenges of the program, and I enjoyed the happiness of traveling around the world. MS Nippon Maru is as beautiful as a dream. Being seasick is also a brilliant and an unforgettable memory."



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