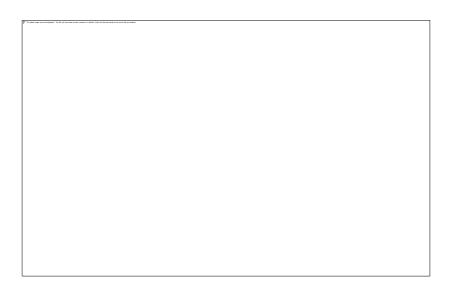
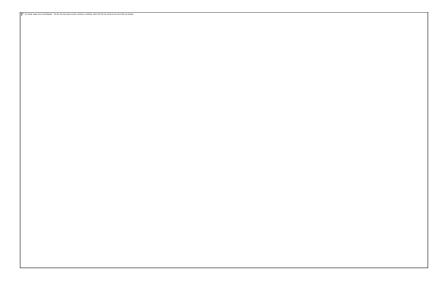
## A Scientific Conference to Commemorate DTU's 17th Anniversary

A Scientific Conference was held at DTU on 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> of November to commemorate the occasion of DTU's 17<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, of September 11<sup>th</sup>. Attendees included Dr. Vo Duy Khuong, Deputy Chairman of the Danang People's Committee, Prof. Pham Manh Hung, Deputy Minister of Health, Professors Nguyen Dinh Chu and Hoang Kiem and many scientists from around the country.



Mr. Le Cong Co addresses the conference

Mr. Le Cong Co, DTU Chairman and Rector, said: "Over the last 17 years, DTU has gained experience in doing scientific research. As research is the key requirement in the development of a university, research has been always a priority of the DTU Board of Rectors. This year, DTU's Scientific Conference has expanded, with scientists attending from all over Vietnam. We hope that this conference will encourage DTU lecturers and students to embark on new research projects".



Many scientists attend the conference

Associate Professor Vo Van Nhi suggested some negative factors that might still inhibit scientific research at Vietnamese universities". "It is necessary for MOET to issue some regulations concerning scientific research. In addition, lecturers recruited by any university must be qualified to meet the basic requirements."

In another presentation, entitled "Innovative Thinking", Professor Nguyen Dinh Chu indicated that a change in thinking is vital not only in conducting scientific research but also in many other disciplines in a developing Vietnam. "Improving awareness in Vietnam of the importance of conducting scientific research will be key to our future success", added Professor Chu.

Other presentations, including "The Role of Education in a Technological Area" by Professor Nguyen Xuan Huy, "IT and Creativity in Universities" by Professor Hoang Kiem, "Applications of E-Learning in Vietnamese Universities" by Professor Dinh Chien raised several ideas concerning innovative IT applications and ways of improving teaching quality.

DTU lecturers reported on some successful, completed projects, such as "New Construction of Bricks and Walls" by Dr. Nguyen The Duong, "The Design of an Automated Laboratory" by Mr. Nguyen Van Tho and "Handwriting Recognition Based on a Vector Machine" by Dr. Nguyen Anh Phuong.

Dr. Nguyen Ngoc Minh, DTU Vice Rector said: "These reports prove how far DTU has progressed over the past 17 years. I am sure that this conference will help DTU lecturers now understand that expanding the scope of scientific research at DTU is vital to our future progress and success".

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