## **DTU** expands eUniversity Programs

In collaboration with many universities and further education centers nationwide to develop its eUniversity programs (Business Administration, Accounting, Information Technology, Construction) since 2010, DTU has given opportunities to over 2,500 students to improve their knowledge in response to the actual requirements of the Vietnamese socioeconomic development.

In 2008, the Ministry of Education and Training officially gave approval to DTU to offer eUniversity programs. After 2 years preparing and constructing the innovative system based on eLearning (online over the internet), DTU officially rolled out its first eUniversity courses for Business Administration, Accounting, Information Technology, Finance and Banking, and Civil and Industrial Construction in 2010.



Ass. Prof. Dr. Le Duc Toan, DTU Vice Provost, hands materials to eUniversity students

DTU signed agreements with many educational institutions nationwide to develop its eUniversity programs. Collaborations with the HCM City University of Technical Education, the University of Culture, Southern College, the Hanoi International Technology and Economy Secondary School, etc. in both HCM City and Hanoi have become the cornerstone for further expansion of the eUniversity program to nearby institutions, such as the Kien Giang Province Further Education Center, the Ca Mau Economy and Engineering Vocational School, the An Giang Vocational College, the Tay Ninh Economy and Engineering Vocational School, etc. in response to the study needs of numerous people in all localities.

The breakthrough in the approach of DTU eUniversity programs consist of the rich and varied study materials, combining printed documentation (syllabi), sound recordings (lectures recorded in mp3/mp4), and visual materials (filmed lectures). At the same time, web-based virtual classrooms create an environment where lecturers and students can easily interact at many times and from any place.

Students can ask lecturers questions directly via telephone or they can ask them on the study website, where they will get an answer within 24h. And in addition, the DTU 3D Second Life virtual reality game allows organizing practical activities, discussions, exercises, etc. over the internet as in reality.



Distinguished Teacher Le Cong Co (white shirt center) with eUniversity freshmen

One of the most striking advantages of online studying is that students can choose their own study times. Students who finished General Secondary education will need from 3.5 to 4 years to complete a Bachelor. Students with Higher Vocational diploma will only need 3 years, and students already in possession of a university diploma will be able to bring this down to 2 to 2.5 years. The application of the study credit system in the framework of DTU online study program allows students to stretch or shorten study time according to personal capabilities and goals. Furthermore, students can enroll for many disciplines and can obtain many DTU Bachelor diplomas given the right conditions and skills.

At the end of 2013, 178 out of the more than one thousand students officially graduated. There are graduates for the subjects Business Administration, Accounting, and Finance and Banking, from all three offering places Hanoi, HCM City, and Kien Giang. Mr Nguyen Quoc Thinh, DTU's first eUniversity graduate who works for Bank of Social Policies, Kien Gian branch, Head of Inspection and Audit, said:

"I graduated Can Tho University in Foreign Commerce, but Banking is what I pursued when developing my career. Therefore, the moment I learned about DTU's eUniversity in Finance and Banking, I signed up for it. The eUniversity program not only maximally supports students who study and work simultaneously, but it also helped me systematize my knowledge and to access new knowledge in Inspection and Auditing. I am very happy to have been part of classes with many modern teaching methods, a smart learning system and interesting experiences in the Virtual Reality. I hope the DTU online Bachelor courses will be expanded further all over the country, so that people who want to change careers or access knowledge can have an opportunity to learn and perfect their profession."

Together with expanding the eUniversity program to all over the country, DTU is actively investing in the further development of modern facilities and in the improvement of online lecturing, to have the eUniversity (http://www.euniversity.edu.vn) program's preeminence and accompany its students on their road to improved knowledge and integration.

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