

DTU to Participate in the 2013 Biotech Conference in Hanoi

The Ministry of Science and Technology, in collaboration with the German Federal Ministry of Education and Research, held a Biotech conference from the 14th to the 17th of January in Hanoi. Dr. Nguyen Minh Hung and Dr. Nguyen Thanh Trung, from the Center for Research and Development at Duy Tan University, attended the conference.

Entitled “Applications of Biotechnology in Agriculture, Health and Environmental Protection”, the four-day conference focused on the utilization of new biological techniques to sterilize soil and process wastewater.

At the conference, Dr. Hung reported the results of a study on the regulation of plant organ size development, one of the most important aspects related to biomass accumulation. This work could provide a foundation for cooperation with German scientists in the near future.



Dr. Nguyen Minh Hung with Vietnamese and German scientists

Mr. Luong Van Thang, Deputy Director of the Foreign Affairs Department at the Ministry of Science and Technology emphasized: *“This conference not only helps establish a relationship between German and Vietnamese scientists and business but also provides a good opportunity for young Vietnamese scientists to broaden their experience abroad. The two delegations will consider the feasibility of collaborating on key projects in the future.”*

German participants included representatives from the University of Greifswald, the University of Potsdam, the University of Hamburg and many major research institutes, including Leibniz, Helmholtz and Fraunhofer, the Jülich Research Center and the Federal Research Center for Nutrition and Food, as well as others from small to medium-sized enterprises.

The Vietnamese delegation included representatives from the Institute of Biotechnology, the Institute of Natural Products Chemistry (of the Vietnam Academy of Science and Technology), along with top-ranking universities, including Hanoi National University, the Hanoi University of Agriculture, Duy Tan University, the Vietnam

Forestry University, Can Tho University, the Hanoi University of Science and Technology and also some enterprises. The Vietnamese Ministry of Science and Technology invited the German delegation to visit local biotech laboratories to help them understand the current status of biotechnology in Vietnam.

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