



## 5<sup>th</sup> VEF ALUMNI CONFERENCE AGENDA

(As of May 15, 2013)

**Theme:** *VEF Alumni: Giving Back to Vietnam*  
**Date:** June 14-16, 2013  
**Conference Hotel:** Sheraton Nha Trang Hotel  
26-28 Tran Phu Street, Nha Trang  
**Venue for University Visit:** Nha Trang University  
No. 2 Nguyen Dinh Chieu, Nha Trang

### DAY 1 – Friday, June 14

Morning-3:00 pm Out-of-town Conference participants arrive in Nha Trang

11:00 am-6:00 pm **Conference Registration**  
(Room TBC, Sheraton Nha Trang Hotel)

1:30-3:00 pm **Outreach Activity**  
*Auditorium, Nha Trang University*  
(Optional as per pre-registration)

3:30-5:30 pm **Alumni Community Service Project: Beach clean-up project with Nha Trang University students**  
(Nha Trang Beach, across from Sheraton Nha Trang Hotel)

6:00-8:00 pm **Welcome Reception**  
(Ball Room, Sheraton Nha Trang Hotel)

**Key-note Speaker**  
Mr. An LE, Consul General, U.S. Consulate General, Ho Chi Minh City (TBC)

***How do we make a difference together? – Video Clip***

8:00 pm Free Evening: Dinner on your own

### DAY 2 – Saturday, June 15

6:30-7:30 am Breakfast (For conference participants staying at the Sheraton Hotel)  
(Restaurant, Sheraton Nha Trang Hotel)

7:45 am Bus pick-up from Sheraton Nha Trang Hotel Lobby to Nha Trang University

8:15 - 9:30 am **Plenary Session at Nha Trang University**  
(Auditorium, Nha Trang University)

8:15-8:30 am VEF 10th Anniversary film,  
*A Bridge to the Future*

8:30-9:00 am Welcome Remarks

- VEF Board Member (TBC)
- Representative, Ministry of Science and Technology (TBC)
- Representative, Ministry of Education and Training (TBC)

9:00-9:30 am Presentation

- Associate Professor Dr. TRANG Si Trung, Vice President, Nha Trang University

9:30-9:45 am	<b>Group Photo Session</b>
9:45 am-11:30 am	<p><b>Small-Group Visits to 5 departments at Nha Trang University/Community Outreach at the SOS Village (for orphaned and abandoned children)</b> (As per pre-registration both online and on-site)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Department of Aquaculture and Centre for Aquatic Breeds and Diseases</li> <li>2. Department of Biotechnology and Environment</li> <li>3. Department of Food Technology</li> <li>4. Department of Mechanical Engineering</li> <li>5. Department of Transportation Engineering</li> </ol> <p style="margin-left: 100px;">9:45-10:00 am      Presentation/introduction about each institution 10:00-11:00 am      Informal discussions/seminars/experience sharing 11:00-11:30 am      Tour of each institution</p>
11:45 am	Bus pick-up from Nha Trang University/The SOS Village to return to Sheraton Nha Trang Hotel
12:00-1:30 pm	<b>Lunch</b> (Restaurant, Sheraton Nha Trang Hotel)
1:45-2:30 pm	<p><b>Plenary Session</b> (Ball Room, Sheraton Nha Trang Hotel)</p> <p><b>Key-note Speaker</b> Dr. Alan PHAN, Chairman, Viasa Fund</p>
2:30-5:30 pm	<p><b>Parallel Working Groups: VEF Alumni Projects: Working Groups will discuss, plan, design and map out a feasible and pragmatic action plans (with deadlines and outcomes), for working projects to be executed in the next year.</b></p> <p>(Meeting Rooms, Sheraton Nha Trang Hotel)</p> <p><b>Session 1: VEF Alumni Summer Courses (First summer course to be piloted at Nha Trang University)</b> <u>Facilitators:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dr. LE Van Hao, VEF Visiting Scholar Alumnus, Cohort 2008</li> <li>• Ms. NGUYEN Thi Ngan, Deputy Director, International Cooperation Department, Nha Trang University</li> <li>• Dr. NGO Thi Phuong Dung, VEF Visiting Scholar Alumna, Cohort 2007</li> </ul> <p><b>Session 2: Contributing to Communities: Health Care and Beyond</b> <u>Facilitators:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dr. HA Huu Toan, VEF Fellowship Alumnus, Cohort 2004</li> <li>• Dr. NGUYEN Cuong Quoc, VEF Fellowship Alumnus, Cohort 2004</li> </ul> <p><b>Session 3: Training for Success: Soft Skills for Students</b> <u>Facilitators:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ms. PHAM Thi Minh Tam, VEF Fellowship Alumna, Cohort 2004</li> <li>• Dr. NGUYEN Thi Thu Thuy, VEF Fellowship Alumna, Cohort 2004</li> <li>• Ms. Sandy DANG, VEF Board Member (TBC)</li> </ul>

**Session 4: Best for Business: Connections that Count**

Facilitators:

- Dr. Alan PHAN, Chairman, Viasa Fund
- Dr. LE Tien Dung, VEF Fellowship Alumnus, Cohort 2005
- Dr. NGUYEN Thai Ha, VEF Fellowship Alumnus, Cohort 2003

**Session 5: From an Idea to a Plan: Create the Possibilities (open session for potential projects)**

5:30-7:00 pm Free Time

7:15-10:00 pm **Gala Dinner**  
(Champa Island Resort, No. 304, 2/4 Street, Nha Trang City)

**DAY 3 – Sunday, June 16:**

6:30-8:30 am Breakfast  
(Restaurant, Sheraton Nha Trang Hotel.)

8:30-10:30 am **Parallel Working Group Sessions (cont.): Further refinement of design of projects and action plans.**  
(Meeting Rooms, Sheraton Nha Trang Hotel)

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**Session 5: From an Idea to a Plan: Create the Possibilities (open session for potential projects)**

10:30-11:15 am **From ideas to action: Giving back to Vietnam: Wrap Up and Presentation of Each Working Group**

11:15-11:30 am **Concluding Remarks**

12 noon **Check out**

12:00-1:30 pm **Lunch**  
(Restaurant, Sheraton Nha Trang Hotel)

Afternoon Departure: Travel to the airport