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Hanoi, November 1, 2007: Today, the Vietnam Education Foundation (VEF) is pleased to announce the Visiting Scholar Program (VSP) 2008. For this year, which includes the timeframe from fall 2008 through summer 2009, VEF will fund 10 Visiting Scholars for up to one year (12 months) for their professional development training in the U.S. Applicants may apply for a shorter period of time, but the minimum duration is 5 months.

The VSP is for Vietnamese nationals who already hold a doctorate in a field of science, technology, engineering, or math, known as the STEM disciplines. The Visiting Scholar Program is intended for support of professional development training, which may include studies, research, and/or observational activities, to take place in a leading U.S. academic institution. The Visiting Scholar will undertake a program of up to one year in length, which may include formal courses, workshops, seminars, laboratory work, research, or other types of activities. After returning to Vietnam, the Visiting Scholar must train others in the skills learned in the U.S. as the VEF VSP is a training-of-trainers (TOT) program.

“The Visiting Scholar Program, which was launched last year, is part of the important mission of VEF to help build the significant relationship between Vietnam and the U.S. Last year, we received many strong applications and were able to select 12 Visiting Scholars for a wide variety of programs in the U.S. I strongly encourage instructors and researchers to apply to this prestigious program and look forward to receiving many outstanding applications this year.” said Dr. Vo Van Toi, VEF Executive Director.

Interested applicants may apply online at www.vef.gov from December 15, 2007, to February 12, 2008. VEF will notify all applicants of their status by mid-April 2008.

All Visiting Scholars are expected to participate in the VEF Pre-Departure Orientation, to be held in June 2008 in Vietnam. Depending on the dates of their program in the U.S., Visiting Scholars are also expected to participate in the VEF Annual Conference to be held in the U.S. in early January 2009.

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