



3rd VEF ALUMNI CONFERENCE AGENDA

Theme: *VEF Alumni Network: Unity and Growth*
Date: August 12-14, 2011
Conference Hotel: Golf Can Tho Hotel
 No. 2 Hai Ba Trung Street, Tan An Ward, Ninh Kieu District, Can Tho

Venue for University Visit: Can Tho University, 3/2 Street, Ninh Kieu District, Can Tho

DAY 1 – Friday, August 12:

<p>Group 1*: Depart Ho Chi Minh City (HCMC) for Can Tho</p> <p>8:00 am: Buses depart from New World Saigon Hotel</p> <p><i>Buses arranged by VEF to pick up at New World Saigon Hotel, No. 76 Le Lai, District 1, HCMC.</i></p> <p>*Group 1 includes VEF Board Members, VEF staff and VEF Alumni from HCMC.</p>	<p>Group 2**: Depart Hanoi for Can Tho</p> <p>11:30 am: Depart Hanoi for Can Tho (<i>Flight VN 1203</i>)</p> <p><i>Alumni need to get to the Hanoi Noi Bai airport on their own in order to catch this flight. Airlines tickets have been arranged by VEF and sent to Alumni electronically. Please take the ticket with you to the airport!</i></p> <p>**Group 2 includes VEF Alumni from Hanoi.</p>
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1:00 pm	Group 1 checks into Golf Can Tho Hotel
1:40 pm	Group 2 travels from Can Tho Airport to Golf Can Tho Hotel <i>(Buses arranged by VEF)</i>
2:15 pm	Group 2 checks into Golf Can Tho Hotel
2:30-4:00 pm	Free time
4:00-5:00 pm	Conference Registration <i>(Conference Room A, First Floor, Golf Can Tho Hotel)</i>
4:00-6:30 pm	Sponsors' information tables
5:00-6:30 pm	Welcome Reception <i>(Conference Room A, First Floor, Golf Can Tho Hotel)</i>

6:30 pm Dinner on your own

DAY 2 – Saturday, August 13:

6:30-7:30 am Breakfast
(Restaurant, Ground Floor, Golf Can Tho Hotel. Included in hotel room charges.)

7:30 am Bus pick-up from Golf Can Tho Hotel lobby to Can Tho University

8:00-9:00 am **Plenary Session**
(Auditorium, Can Tho University's Learning Resources Center)

Conference MC: Tuong Manh Nguyen, VEF Alumnus, Cohort 2003

8:00-8:30 am Welcome Remarks

- Dr. Lynne McNamara, VEF Executive Director
- Ms. Sandy Dang, Member, VEF Board of Directors
- Mr. Thomas Tanner, Public Affairs Officer, U.S. Consulate General
- Dr. Toan Thanh Ha, Vice Rector for Academic and Research Affairs, Can Tho University
- Mr. Quyen Van Bui, Chief Representative, Ministry of Science & Technology, HCMC
- Representative from the People's Committee of Can Tho City

8:30-9:00 am Presentations

- Mr. Herb Cochran, Executive Director, American Chamber of Commerce (AmCham)
- Dr. Trung Hieu Nguyen, Vice Director, Delta Research and Global Observation Network (DRAGON Institute)

9:00-11:00 am **Small-Group Visits to Can Tho University Departments/Institutes**
(As per pre-registration both online and on-site)

1. Can Tho University Learning Resources Center
2. College of Agriculture & Applied Biology
3. College of Aquaculture & Fisheries
4. College of Engineering Technology
5. College of Information & Communication Technology
6. Biotechnology Research & Development Institute
7. Delta Research and Global Observation Network (DRAGON Institute)

9:15-9:45 am Presentation/introduction about each institution

9:45-10:30 am Informal discussions/seminars/experience sharing

10:30-11:00 am Tour of each institution

(Charity visit to the Centre for Orphans and Agent Orange Victim Children by a few Alumni and VEF staff to make the donation. Pre-registration at Conference registration required due to limited space.)

11:15 am	Bus pick-up from Can Tho University back to Golf Can Tho Hotel
11:30-11:45 am	Prepare/change clothing for outdoor networking activities at Au Island
11:45 am	Leave for Ninh Kieu River Quay from the Golf Can Tho Hotel lobby
11:55 am	Travel by boat from Golf Can Tho Hotel to Au Island
12:15-1:30 pm	Lunch at Au Island
1:30-2:30 pm	Informal networking time: Sightseeing and leisure activities at Au Island
2:45-5:30 pm	Group Networking Activities: Games and fish-catching and cooking contest
6:00-9:00 pm	Dinner <i>(Barbecue dinner followed by camp-fire)</i>
9:00 pm	Travel by boat from Au Island back to Golf Can Tho Hotel

DAY 3 – Sunday, August 14:

5:30-6:30 am	Visit to Cai Rang floating market (<i>Optional: As per pre-registration online and on-site.</i>)
7:00-7:45 am	Breakfast <i>(Restaurant, Ground Floor, Golf Can Tho Hotel)</i>
8:00-10:30 am	Parallel Discussion Sessions

- **Academic Endeavors & Research**

Moderator: Dr. Lam Kim Huynh, VEF Alumnus 2003, Lecturer, International University, VNU-HCMC

Panelists:

- Dr. Toan Thanh Ha, Vice Rector for Academic and Research Affairs, Can Tho University
- Professor, Dr. Phong Thanh Ho, Rector, International University, VNU-HCMC
- Dr. Dung Duc Nguyen, VEF Alumnus 2003, Deputy Chief Engineer, Petro Vietnam Automation and Information Technology Company

- **Entrepreneurship**

Moderator: Dr. Ha Thai Nguyen, VEF Alumnus 2003, CEO, Techburg JSC

Panelists:

- Mr. Hung Viet Nguyen, VEF Alumnus 2003, General Director - CEO, Petro Vietnam Automation and Information Technology Company

- Ms. Sandy Dang, Member, VEF Board of Directors
- Mr. Son Thanh Nguyen, VEF Alumnus 2003, CEO, EQuest Group
- Ms. Trang Thu Nguyen, VEF Alumna 2004, Vice Managing Director, DDP Materials Company Ltd.

(Conference Room A and B, First Floor, Golf Can Tho Hotel)

10:30-10:50 am

Wrap-up and Concluding Remarks

- Ms. Sandy Dang, VEF Board Member

10:50-11:00 am

Closing Remarks

- Mr. Tiendung Le, VEF Alumnus, Cohort 2005
- Dr. Lynne McNamara, VEF Executive Director

11:00-11:40 am

Lunch

(Restaurant, Ground Floor, Golf Can Tho Hotel)

11:45 am-12:30 pm

Hotel check-out

<p>Group 1*: Depart Can Tho for HCMC</p> <p>Bus departs Can Tho for New World Saigon Hotel, No. 76 Le Lai, District 1, HCMC</p> <p><i>Bus arranged by VEF to pick up at the Golf Can Tho Hotel lobby.</i></p> <p>*Group 1 includes VEF Board Members and VEF Alumni from HCMC.</p>	<p>Group 2***: Depart Can Tho for Hanoi</p> <p>12:45 pm: Bus departs for Can Tho Airport 1:15 pm: Arrive at the Airport 2:20 pm: Depart Can Tho for Hanoi <i>(Flight VN 1202)</i></p> <p><i>Bus arranged by VEF to pick up at the Golf Can Tho Hotel lobby.</i></p> <p>**Group 2 includes VEF Alumni from Hanoi.</p>
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