

VIETNAMESE GROUP PURSUING GRADUATE PROGRAM IN KHON KAEN UNIVERSITY, THAILAND

“Life is a journey with problems to solve, lessons to learn but most of all experiences to enjoy”

As representatives of seventh graduate students at Khon Kaen University, I am happy to talk about “the journey of our life” to a Buddhism country with lovely smiles and friendly people – Thailand. Although it has been two months since we came here for pursuing Master and PhD degree in three main majors: Biotechnology, Food Technology and Microbiology at Faculty of Technology and Faculty of Science, Khon Kaen University, we are promptly acquainted with the study environment and culture of Thai and soon settle our life thanks to the kind-hearted supports of staff members of the faculties and the enthusiastic aids of Mr. Nguyen Quang Vinh – Alumnus of BiRDI, course 32 – who is also studying Master degree in Biotechnology.



- Huynh Xuan Phong - Staff member of Biotechnology Research and Development Institute, Can Tho University
- Pursuing Doctoral degree in Industrial Biotechnology, Faculty of Technology
- Research area: Thermophilic bacteria



- Tran Thi Giang - Research assistant of Biotechnology Research and Development Institute, Can Tho University
- Pursuing Doctoral degree in Industrial Biotechnology, Faculty of Technology
- Research area: Lactic acid bacteria



- Nguyen Dan Van - Alumna of Biotechnology in Advanced program course 33, Can Tho University
- Pursuing Master degree in Industrial Biotechnology, Faculty of Technology
- Research area: Microalgae



- Nguyen Minh Doi - Alumnus of Biotechnology in Advanced program course 34, Can Tho University
- Pursuing Master degree in Food Safety and Quality Management, Faculty of Technology
- Research area: Food Safety and Quality Management



- Nguyen Huu Tuong - Alumnus of Biotechnology in Advanced program course 34, Can Tho University
- Pursuing Master degree in Food Safety and Quality Management, Faculty of Technology
- Research area: Food Safety and Quality Management



- Phan Le Bao Ngoc - Alumna of Biotechnology in Advanced program course 35, Can Tho University
- Pursuing Master degree in Food Safety and Quality Management, Faculty of Technology
- Research area: Food Safety and Quality Management



- Nguyen Thi Huynh Nhu - Alumna of Biotechnology in Advanced program course 34, Can Tho University
- Pursuing Master degree in Microbiology, Faculty of Science
- Research area: Biofertilizer

The Faculty of Technology's academic activities emphasized on four main areas: Biotechnology, Food Technology, Geotechnology and Production Technology. Among them, only Biotechnology and Food Technology have the International programs for Master and PhD degree, namely "Industrial Biotechnology" and "Food safety and Quality management" respectively. Three of our members - Nguyen Minh Doi, Nguyen Huu Tuong and Phan Le Bao Ngoc - are following the Master degree in Food safety and Quality management program, while two other people - Huynh Xuan Phong and Tran Thi

Giang – and I pursue PhD and Master degree in Industrial Biotechnology. The last member – Nguyen Thi Huynh Nhu –is studying International Master program about “Microbiology” in the Faculty of science - one of the three largest faculties of Khon Kaen University - with a myriad of departments: Computer science, Statistics, Physics, Chemistry, Biology, Microbiology, Mathematics, Biochemistry and Environmental.



Vietnamese group with other International students of faculty of Technology

Even studying in the same department, we are working in different well-equipped laboratories depending on our interesting major and area. With the passion of microalgae and biodiesel, I decide to continue my research within the topic related to microalgae immobilization combined with the support of microorganism, whereas Mr. Phong works with thermophilic bacteria for ethanol production and Ms. Giang will study on the protein of lactic acid bacteria. Due to the differences in study plan, Mr. Doi, Mr. Tuong and Ms. Ngoc have not started their research in this semester. In replacement, they are studying some basic courses related to food safety and quality management. Moving on Ms. Nhu, she not only follows basic courses but also starts her pre-test experiments aiding for her thesis about biofertilizer.

During first two months living and studying in Thailand, we have had chances to take part in many great activities of KKU and our faculty. Thanks to these international activities, we made friends with many people not only from Asean countries – Indonesia, China, Cambodia,...- but also a lot of friends from Europe like Italy, German...It is a

splendid opportunity for us to obtain new cultures, acquire knowledge and also practice English speaking skill. Moreover, we can introduce with other countries about our country with elegantly traditional custom and culture.



ASEAN Day



Sport day for graduate students of faculty of Technology





ASEAN Camp held by International Relation Division, KKU