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LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION

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Dear Admissions Committee,

As the Deputy Minister of Education and Training of Vietnam and the decision maker of commendations and talent nurture plans for national academic teams, it is my sincere pleasure to recommend Mr. Nguyen Hoang Tung Lam for your program at his chosen major. During my substantial working years in academia, Lam stood out as one of the brightest individuals I have encountered.

The first time I met Lam was at the award ceremony for high school students in the Hanoi Open Mathematics Competition in the school year 2014-2015. As the Director of Hanoi Department of Education, I presented Lam with the First Prize Award in the competition, which marked a turning point that laid a solid foundation for his later achievements. At that time, Lam laid a very lasting impression on me for his intellectual pursuit by becoming the only tenth grader to win the first prize in the Vietnam Mathematical Olympiad 2016-2017 for senior students. This was specially commendable, since it was the very second time the history of the competition witnessed such a young champion. Not limiting to Math, I am especially amazed to learn that he is currently conducting research with leading experts and producing scientific articles with high scores of IF. Lam also excelled at other intellectual fields and proved his capability through countless awards. I had an immense praise for his exceptional performance from Vietnam team in International Astronomy Olympiad, and being the gold medalist at other significant competitions of science and technology. Unsurprisingly, Lam was chosen as the sole representative for millions of students in Hanoi being honored by our Ministry and President of the Vietnam Fatherland Front for academic excellence and science practice. He holds an advanced intellectual potentiality and a strong sense of endeavors, for which I highly admire.

Through the occasional encounters between the Ministry and the student representatives. I had a chance to witness another aspect of Lam: besides being a scholarly student, Lam is a big dreamer, a diligent researcher, and a committed strategist. Young as he was, Lam showcased profound and penetrating perception of many unresolved social issues, which entrenched in him the dream of improving people's well-being through technology.

As the Deputy Minister of Education and Training of Vietnam, I highly value Tung Lam's contributions in leading the Vietnamese delegation at the International Olympiad in Artificial Intelligence (IOAI). Serving as Team Manager at the inaugural IOAI in 2024 in Burgas, Bulgaria, Lam demonstrated strategic leadership, meticulous organization, and a

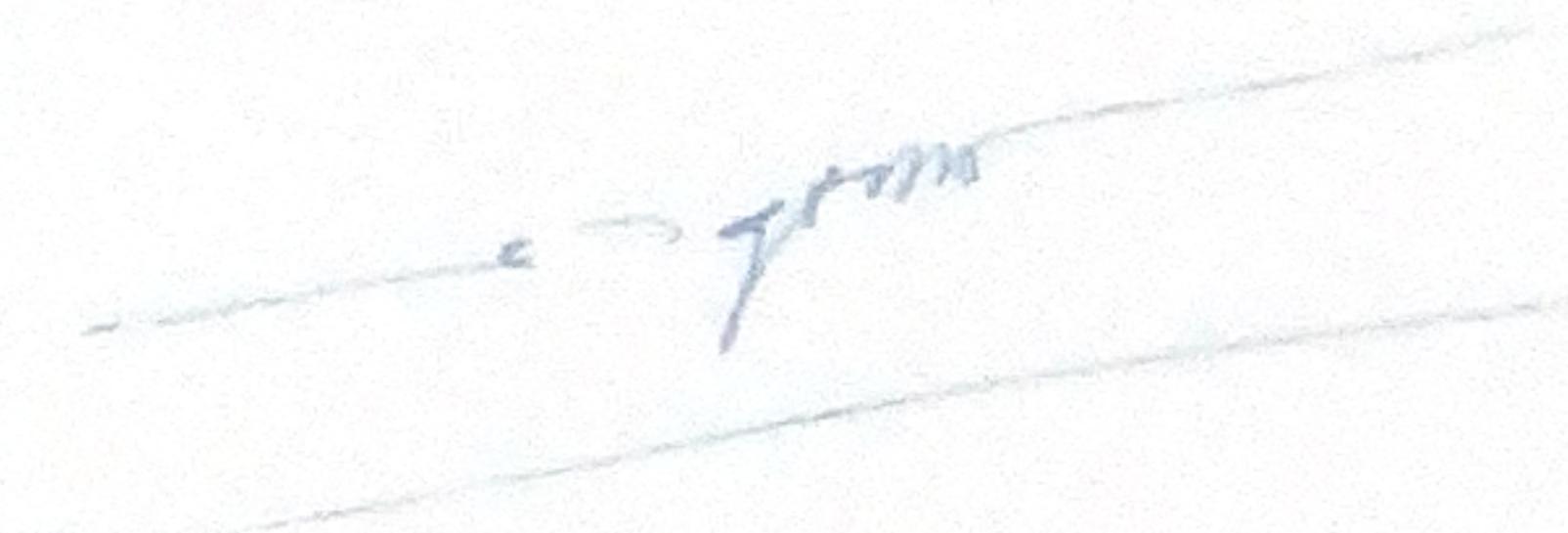
strong sense of responsibility. Successfully guiding a diverse group of talented students required both technical expertise and effective team coordination, and he excelled in this role. The team's performance at IOAI 2024 is clear evidence of his capability and dedication.

Building on this foundation, Lam collaborated with leading AI experts to design a comprehensive selection and training framework for IOAI 2025. His emphasis on providing students with advanced AI knowledge and practical familiarity with the competition platform reflects a forward-looking educational approach. Vietnam's 4th-place global ranking at IOAI 2025 highlights both the exceptional performance of the students and Lam's essential leadership, expertise, and vision. I am confident that Lam's sense of responsibility, technical proficiency, and commitment to educational innovation will continue to play a vital role in advancing Vietnam's AI talent development in the years ahead.

It was this ambition that motivated him to persevere on his intellectual and personal cultivation so far and empowered him to pursue postgraduate education in the United States the next fall. As a dynamic student who has involved himself in various social activities. Lam was inspired by the success of international students in many US universities, and above all, their unparalleled contributions to the home countries and to the world after graduation. I was truly impressed to see such farsightedness and resolution in a college student, whose breadth of view is typically restricted to a year in advance. As an experienced educator, I am convinced that Lam is well-prepared for his quest in the future. His foresight and resilience, together with his intellectual potential, are a basic assurance to what he can achieve later.

During his school years, Lam has proved to be an exceedingly diligent and excellent student, showcasing through an admirable set of achievements. I have full confidence in his intellectual caliber and natural talent of a learner, which will yield just brilliantly in your program. I give Lam my highest recommendation and hope you will consider his candidacy strongly.

Best regards,


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