Son Dang Thai NGO

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CURRICULUM VITAE

PUBLICATIONS

Novel: My Beloved Cities • July, 2016

Alpha Books

- A football match that encompasses the cultural differences between Vietnam's North and South based on personal experience moving to the South after 16 years in North Vietnam
- Directed the PR planning process, including both means and content and took key role in marketing and distribution

First Place, Writing Contest • Aug, 2016

The Mid-Autumn and Hanoi's Childhoods Writing Contest

- First place of over 500 submissions for this contest organised by Bao Ngoc Akito and Hanoi TV, which aims to preserve and promote the traditions of Vietnam.
- Submitted work will be used for media activities of the Mid-autumn and Hanoi's Children program this year

Article: Four experiences worth studying abroad • Feb, 2016

Published on Vnexpress.net – the most accessed news site in Vietnam (954th in global traffic by Alexa)

Education Articles and Interview • Three articles

Published on Vietnamnet.vn – "Vietnam's top official news website"

- "Interview: Can the Vietnam's education system change like this?"
- "Have you ever stopped studying to explore out there?"
- "Why I chose New Zealand?"

Regular Contributor • Four soccer-related articles

4231.vn - "Place for the best writers, dedicated bloggers in the Vietnamese football lovers' community."

• Most popular article received over 4.1 thousand Facebook likes – "The Danish Wall: The silent loyalty"

AWARDS & HONORS

Effort Award, Auckland International College ● Awarded for superior effort in academics, Dec 2015

Scholarship of 80% tuition, Auckland International College • Awarded for academic merit, Apr 2015

First Place, The Mid-Autumn and Hanoi's Childhoods Writing Contest ● Aug, 2016

Team Merit Award, 2016 Monetary Policy Challenge of the Reserve Bank of New Zealand ● Aug 2016

Distinction Award, New Zealand Economics Competition 2016 • Sep 2016

Selected, Auckland International College Monetary Policy Team ● One of 5 students chosen by Head of Economics Department.

ACTIVITIES

Founder and President, The Old Books For New Future Project

Jan 2016 - Present

- Transfer used textbooks from New Zealand to Vietnam and distribute among poor but talented Vietnamese students
- Collected over 200 books and donated to 4 schools in Vietnam in first 9 months

Semi-Finalist, The New Zealand - New Horizon 2016 Contest

Apr 2016 - June 2016

• Two works selected in the top 13 entries (of 738 submitted) for this slogan-making and poster-designing contest sponsored by the New Zealand Embassy in Vietnam.

• Translated highly rated (4.5/5) Google app Alarmy into Vietnamese

Participant and Captain, Football

• Y10 class's team

Captain, Y11 Class team (3rd in school competition)

AIC 1st team

Sep 2013 – May 2014 Sep 2014 – May 2015

May 2016 – Present

Self-Study Coach, ACT Preparation Assistance

Jul 2016 - Present

- Prepared materials on how to self-study ACT, specially customised to fit Vietnamese student needs
- Ongoing help to students self-studying on ACT through Facebook.

Donor, Vemba Fund

Set up by Vietnamese alumni of Hawaii Pacific University to help children in mountainous areas in Vietnam

Donated money received from published book and articles

Aug 2016

Additional fundraising efforts to support fund

EDUCATION

Auckland International College, (Auckland, New Zealand)

International Baccalaureate Degree, Expected May 2017

Other Activities: Japanese Buddy (Nov 2015, Mar-Apr 2016), Tree Planting on Motuihe Island (Dec 2015)

Practical High School of Ho Chi Minh Pedagogical University (Ho Chi Minh, Vietnam)

High School for Gifted Student of Hanoi Pedagogical University (Hanoi, Vietnam)

Other Activities: Music Club (Responsible for microphone control, Oct 2013 – May 2014)

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Languages: Vietnamese (native), English (fluent) **Test Results:** SAT II Math (750), ACT (34), IELTS (7.5) **Internship:** The Atlantic Co. (June 2017 – present)