

Environment and Health.

Challenges and Prospects for South-East Asia

Regional DAAD Alumni Meeting in Hanoi, Vietnam

26 to 28 May 2017

Idea and concept:

Over the past decade, Vietnam, Laos, Cambodia and Myanmar have experienced rapid economic growth and have risen to the status of lower middle income economies. While many positive changes have been achieved, rapid developments have come with environmental costs, including degradation of natural resources, pollution, and illegal trade in wild life. The so called “Lower Mekong Region” is also one of the most vulnerable regions in the world to the effects of climate change. Industrial growth has created high levels of air pollution. Vehicles and factories contribute to air pollution, particularly in the major cities. These challenges mainly caused by rapid economic growth are leading to exploitation of natural resources and based on rapid urban growth, increasing life expectancy, but also rising pollution. This given situation increasingly influences public life and health and requires new strategies and solutions. Vietnam has been facing a large fish death on the Central Vietnamese coast. The impact on health and livelihood of the affected regions is severe. All these men-made problems need to be discussed. The region is not only linked by the river Mekong, but also by facing similar challenges. A complex interaction of environment, economy, humanity and health needs to be discussed from an interdisciplinary scientific perspective.

The German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) is supporting the network of alumni of German universities. The DAAD Regional Office Hanoi, Vietnam, hold, in particular, strong ties to alumni of German universities in Vietnam, Laos, Cambodia and Myanmar. The region has a remarkable alumni potential: Myanmar (approx. 700), Laos (approx. 500), Cambodia (approx. 500) and Vietnam (approx. 5,000).

It is the DAAD's concern to bring its alumni together who are motivated and interested in cross-border activities to discuss specific regional challenges for several reasons:

- 1. Sharing knowledge and experiences**
- 2. Creating a platform for the regional scientific exchange**
- 3. Establishing a regional network of experts in various fields.**

Therefore, the DAAD Regional Office Hanoi invites its alumni from South-East Asia to a regional Alumni Conference on “Environment and Health” in Hanoi in May 2017.

Most important, this is not a “consuming” event. We want all participants to share their point of view with the audience in different formats. So the participants can chair or co-chair a workshop or give a talk on a topic the participants are an expert in. It is intended that the conference will be understood as a call to action to create a regional network of expert and to form networks for future cooperation.

Regional challenges need to be discussed with regional and integrated approaches in the sense of the Sustainable Development Goals. Scientific networks and platforms cooperating with German universities and research institutions can work on these goals together. Therefore, alumni representatives from other ASEAN Countries like Indonesia, Malaysia, the Philippines and Thailand will be included, too. By hosting this regional alumni event related to the Environment-Health-Nexus in Hanoi the DAAD would like to give space for more regional scientific interaction: by discussing current challenges, comparing current research results from their countries and subsequently forming expert groups and networks for future research cooperation with Germany.

Programme

May 26-28, 2017

as of May 22, 2017

Time	Programme
Friday, May 26	
12.00 p.m. hotels	Arrival & Check-in
from 12.20 p.m.	Shuttle to the Venue
01.00 p.m. C2, auditorium	Registration participants, handing out conference folders, market place on "Study and Research in Germany" with welcome coffee/tea break with snacks
02.30 p.m. C2, auditorium	Musical Prelude Big band of the Vietnam National Academy of Music, under the direction of Associate Professor Dr Meritorious Teacher Ngo Phuong Dong , Vietnam National Academy of Music, DAAD alumnus from University of Music and Theatre Leipzig
02.40 p.m. C2, auditorium	Plenary Session: Welcome Speeches and Greetings Moderation: Anke Stahl Director of the DAAD Regional Office Hanoi, and Marvin Müller Lektor DAAD Vietnam
02.45 p.m.	Associate Professor Dr Hoang Minh Son President of the Hanoi University of Science and Technology, DAAD alumnus
03.00 p.m.	HE Christian Berger German Ambassador to Vietnam
03.15 p.m.	Keynote by Dr Dorothea Rüländ Secretary General of the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD)
03.40 p.m.	Musical Finale
03.45 p.m.	Group picture & Coffee/Tea Break

04.30 p.m.	Keynote by Dr Ajantha Perera Technical and Research Officer to the Vice Chancellor of the University of Fiji, Sri Lanka and Fiji
05.00 p.m.	„Experts in discussion: Contribution of Education and Research to Sustainable Development between the Poles of Growth, Environment and Health“ 1. Professor Dr Claudia Hornberg Professor for Environment and Health at the School of Public Health at the University of Bielefeld, Germany 2. Dr Hawis Madduppa Head of the Marine Biodiversity and Biosystematics Laboratory, Bogor Agricultural University, Indonesia 3. Dr Luong Minh Phuong Educational Expert, Lecturer of Faculty of International Studies, Hanoi University, Vietnam 4. Dr Ajantha Perera Technical and Research Officer to the Vice Chancellor of the University of Fiji, Sri Lanka and Fiji Moderation: Anke Stahl (Director of the DAAD Regional Office Hanoi)
06.30 p.m. D2A	Dinner Buffet
08.00 p.m. 08.30 p.m.	Bus transfer to hotels

Saturday, May 27	
08.30 a.m.	Bus transfer from hotel to venue
09.00 a.m. C2, auditorium	Opening and introduction to workshops, talks and “Wall of Ideas” Moderation: Anke Stahl , Director of the DAAD Regional Office Hanoi
09.15 a.m. C2, auditorium	“DAAD Alumni activities and offers: Current status and ideas for the future” Presentation by Dr Heidi Wedel Head of Section Alumni Programmes, DAAD Bonn, Germany

09.45 a.m.	Short walk to Vietnamese-German Centre (VDZ)
10.00 – 12.00 a.m. VDZ	3 Parallel workshops - Part 1
VDZ, workshop room 301, 3 th floor	<p>1. <u>Law – Environment – Participation</u></p> <p>Chair: Mr Professor Dr Jürgen Simon, Germany, DAAD Guest Professor at Hanoi Law University, Vietnam Co-Chair: Ms Ratchada Arpornsilp, The Centre for People and Forests, Thailand Presentations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Environmental Crisis in Myanmar: Key Highlights from Health Perspective Mr. Dr Ye Min Htet, World Health Organization, Myanmar - The Implications of Environmental Justice in Community-based Forest Management Ms. Bui Linh, Vietnam, Institute for Technology and Resources Management in the Tropics and Sub-tropics, TH Cologne, Germany - Chewing Betel Nuts in Myanmar: Impact, Implications and Limits of Legislation on Health and Environment Mr Dr Soe Moe Oo, UNICEF Myanmar
VDZ, hall	<p>2. <u>City – Health – Environment</u></p> <p>Chair: Mr Dr Masteria Yunovilsa Putra, Research Centre for Oceanography-LIPI, Indonesia Co-Chair: Mr Professor Dr Tran Xuan Chuong, Hue University of Medicine and Pharmacy, Vietnam Presentations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Impact of Sustainable Greening at the Schools and Industrial Zones in Myanmar Ms Dr Thet Htar Nwe, Freelance, Myanmar - Building Sustainable and Disaster Resilient Philippine Cities Mr Professor Dr Mario Delos Reyes, School of Urban and Regional Planning, University of the Philippines, Philippines - Are we sure the air we breathe is safe for our health? Ms Dr Fina Hidayati Tams, World Health Organization, Indonesia
VDZ, workshop room 303, 3 th floor	<p>3. <u>Rural Development: Sustainability – Ecology – Gender</u></p> <p>Chair: Mr Professor Aung Kyin, GERES INGO, France, Myanmar Co-Chair: Ms Dr Huynh T. Phuong Linh, Ecole française d'Extrême-Orient, Vietnam</p>

	<p>Presentations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Labour Productivity in Rubber Latex Tapping among Smallholder Rubber Farmers in the Kyarinnseikkyi Township Kawkareik District, Kayin State, Myanmar Mrs Associate Professor, Dr Khin Soe, University of Yangon, Myanmar - Existing Environmental Issues Affecting on Agricultural Production in the Vietnam Mekong Delta Mr Dr Duong Van Nha, Kien Giang University, Vietnam - Gender in Mangrove Resource Management: A case study of coastal district of Quang Tri province, Vietnam Mrs Dr Nguyen Thi Hong Mai, Hue University of Agriculture and Forestry, Vietnam - Ecotourism for Environmental Conservation of the Songkla Lake Basin (SLB), Thailand Mrs Associate Professor Dr Parichart Visuthismajarn, Prince of Songkla University, Faculty of Environmental Management, Thailand
<p>In between VDZ, canteen Coffee & Networking Centre</p>	<p>Coffee / tea break Meet, network and share your ideas and proposals with the others and leave a written note on the “Wall of Ideas”! Get informed about the “Alumniportal Deutschland”</p>
<p>10.00 – 12:00 a.m. VDZ, room 205</p>	<p>Seven 10-minutes talks on „Environment and Health along the lines of “short - inspiring - understandable”</p>
<p>10.00 – 10.10 a.m.</p>	<p>1. Inclusion of Persons with Disabilities in the Health Sector in Cambodia Mr MSc Vanny Peng, GIZ Cambodia, Cambodia</p>
<p>10.15 – 10.25 a.m.</p>	<p>2. Organic farming for Environment and Health Mr Dr Nguyen Khoi Nghia, Cantho University, Vietnam</p>
<p>10.30 – 10.40 a.m.</p>	<p>3. Environment and Health related with Rural Development in Dry Zone, Myanmar Ms Moe Moe, Consultant, Myanmar</p>
<p>10.45 – 10.55 a.m.</p>	<p>4. Young Smart Farmers and their Environmental Concerns Ms Dr Juangjun Jumpathong, Naresuan University, Thailand</p>
<p>11.00 – 11.10 a.m.</p>	<p>5. Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) as Soft Law in Protecting Health and Environment Mrs Dr Le Thi Thuy Huong, Ho Chi Minh City University of Law, Vietnam</p>
<p>11.15 – 11.25 a.m.</p>	<p>6. Contributions of German alumni towards Sustainable Education in Myanmar Mr Dr Win Maung, Myanmar Environment Institute, Myanmar</p>
<p>11.30 – 11.40 a.m.</p>	<p>7. Raising Youth Awareness on Environment and Biodiversity Mrs Dr Ha Thi Thanh, Thai Nguyen University of Technology, Vietnam</p>
<p>12.15 p.m. D2A</p>	<p>Lunch break</p>

02.00 – 04.00 p.m.	3 Parallel workshops - Part 2
VDZ, workshop room 301, 3 th floor	<p>4. Nutrition – Health</p> <p>Chair: Mr Professor Dr Amin Ismail, Chemistry and Biochemistry of Foods Department of Nutrition and Dietetics, Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences, University Putra Malaysia</p> <p>Co-Chair: Mr MSc Phyrum San, Ministry of Land Management Urban Planning and Construction, Cambodia</p> <p>Presentations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Real Situation of Environmental Pollution and Unsafe Food linked to Cancer Hazard in Vietnam Ms MD Dr Thi Thai An, 30/4 Hospital Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam - Changes of Nutritional Values during Artificial Ripening of Banana (<i>Musa spp.</i>) in Myanmar Mrs Professor Dr Myat Myat Thaw, Chemistry Department, University of Yangon, Myanmar - Sea Herbs in the Prevention of Degenerative Diseases Ms Dr Kustiariyah Tarman, Lecturer at Bogor Agricultural University, Indonesia
VDZ, hall	<p>5. Ecosystems in Transition: Ecological and economic consequences</p> <p>Chair: Mr Dr Nguyen Phuong Nam, Center for Technology Responding to Climate Change (CliTech), Vietnam</p> <p>Co-Chair: Ms Assistant Professor Dr Uraiwan Arunyawat, Kasetsart University, Thailand</p> <p>Presentations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Conservation and Ecotourism – Cornerstones for Developing the Indawgyi Lake Area, Kachin State, Myanmar Ms Zin Mar Than, University of Yangon/ University of Cologne/ Institute of Geography, Myanmar - Ameliorate the Environment to Improve the Habitat's Healthy, Case Study Singapore Mr Nguyen Phuoc Linh, FPT Asia Pacific, Singapore - Illegal Fishing and Human Trafficking in South-East Asia Ms Wansiri Rongrongmuang, The INEB Institute, Thailand
VDZ, workshop room 303, 3 th floor	<p>6. Role of Communication in Environment and Health</p> <p>Chair: Mr Stefan Hase-Bergen, DAAD, Germany</p> <p>Co-Chair: Ms Associate Professor Dr Rachel Pui Lai Ee, National University of Singapore</p> <p>Presentations:</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Developing a New Science Curriculum in Myanmar Ms Professor Dr Ni Ni Than, Yangon University, Myanmar - Strengthening Accountability for Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) in Schools through Online Transparency Platforms Mr Juan Alfonso Leonardia, GIZ, Philippines - Forest Ecosystem Services for Local Human Health in Northern Mountain Areas in Vietnam Mrs Dr Nguyen Thi Phuong Mai, Thai Nguyen University of Sciences, Vietnam - Worker Health in Cambodia Mr Lan Mao, Cambodian-German Friendship Association (KDF)/ Marie Stopes International, Cambodia
02:00 – 04:00 p.m. VDZ, room 205	Seven 10-minutes Talks on „Environment and Health“ along the lines of “short - inspiring - understandable”
02.00 – 02.10 p.m.	1. Ecological Base Assessment: Sand Dune Protection Forest Restoration Mr Dr Ho Dac Thai Hoang, Institute of Resources and Environment, Hue University, Vietnam
02.15 – 02.25 p.m.	2. Distance Education in Myanmar: Opportunities and Challenges Mr Professor Dr Kyaw Naing, Yangon University of Distance Education, Myanmar
02.30 – 02.40 p.m.	3. Raising Awareness – a Crucial Key to Mitigate Negative Impacts on the Environment Mrs Dr Hoang Ha, Hong Duc University, Vietnam
02.45 – 02.55 p.m.	4. Qualified Personnel for the Vietnamese Wastewater Sector Ms Phan Hoang Mai, GIZ-TVET Programme, Vietnam
03.00 – 03.10 p.m.	5. Environmental Planning and Management of the Philippines' Pasig River System Mr Professor Dr Mario Delos Reyes, University of the Philippines, Philippines
03.15 – 03.25 p.m.	6. Are we living in a healthy city? Ms Dr Fina Hidayati Tams, World Health Organization, Indonesia
03.30 – 03.40 p.m.	7. Relevance of Continuous Education in Institute of Higher Learning Mr Associate Professor Dr Lim Kok Hwa, Singapore Institute of Technology, Singapore
In between VDZ, canteen Coffee & Networking Centre	Coffee / tea break Meet, network and share your ideas and proposals with the others and leave a written note on the “Wall of Ideas”! Get informed about the “Alumniportal Deutschland”
04.00 - 04.45 p.m. VDZ, workshop rooms	Preparing presentation of workshop results for the following Plenary session by chairs and co-chairs

04.50 p.m.	Short walk to C2, auditorium
05.00 p.m. C2, auditorium	Plenary session: Presentation of workshop results and impressions from talks and “Wall of Ideas” Moderation: Anke Stahl , Director of the DAAD Regional Office Hanoi and Marvin Müller , Lektor DAAD Vietnam
06.30 p.m. D2A	Dinner
08.00 p.m. 08.30 p.m.	Bus transfer to hotels

Sunday, May 28	
08.30 a.m.	Bus transfer from hotel to venue
09.00 a.m. C2, auditorium	Opening Inspiration from the “Wall of Ideas” Moderation: Marvin Müller , Lektor DAAD Vietnam
09.15 a.m. C2, auditorium	Plenary session: Panel discussion „Where do we go from here? Opportunities for the region“ <u>Panelists:</u> Dr Heidi Wedel Head of Section Alumni Programmes, DAAD Bonn, Germany Mr Lan Mao Chairman, Cambodian-German Friendship Association (KDF), Cambodia Dr Win Maung Chairman, German Alumni Association Myanmar (GAAM), Myanmar Dr Pham Hung Tien Co-ordinator Alumniportal Deutschland, Vietnam Ms Linh Bui TH Cologne, Vietnam DAAD alumna and AvH fellow Moderation: Anke Stahl , Director of the DAAD Regional Office Hanoi

<p>10.15 a.m. C2, auditorium</p>	<p>Award Ceremony for scholarship holders of 2017</p> <p>Speeches by: Dr Dorothea Rüländ, Secretary-General of the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD)</p> <p>Dr Nguyen Hai Thanh, Deputy Director General Vietnam International Education Development (VIED), Ministry of Education and Training Vietnam</p> <p>Mr Hoang Bao Nhan Hue Central Hospital, scholarship holders' representative</p> <p>Moderation: Anke Stahl, Director of the DAAD Regional Office Hanoi</p>
<p>10.45 a.m.</p>	<p>Coffee / tea break</p>
<p>11.30 a.m. C2, auditorium</p>	<p>Closing remarks and bidding farewell to the current DAAD Director Hanoi Ms Anke Stahl and welcoming the new DAAD Director Hanoi Mr Stefan Hase-Bergen</p> <p>Dr Dorothea Rüländ, Secretary-General of the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD)</p> <p>Moderation: Marvin Müller, Lektor DAAD Vietnam</p>
<p>12.00 p.m. D2A</p>	<p>Lunch</p>
<p>02.00 p.m.</p>	<p>Bus transfer and departure</p>