



THE
ORCHID SCHOLARSHIP
FOUNDATION

2010 - 2017



A transparent, effective and sustainable bridge for donation



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Highlights

ABOUT US

The Orchid Scholarship Foundation is a non-profit voluntary organization aimed by the vision to promote education and development of Vietnam via supporting and awarding scholarships to poor, talented and passionate high school students.

HISTORY

The foundation was established in 2013 as the successor of Sakura Scholarship originated in 2010 in Japan. **In the school year 2016-2017, 75 students nationwide have been awarded our scholarship.** In the last five years, we have presented 246 scholarships to excellent students selected from 6 leading high schools in Vietnam, namely Tong hop (Hanoi), Su pham (Hanoi), Hau Loc I (Thanh Hoa), Quoc hoc (Hue), Nang Khieu (Ho Chi Minh) and Hung Vuong (Binh Duong).

CORE VALUES

Transparency, effectiveness and sustainability are our core values.

HOW TO DONATE

You can donate us by cash, bank transfer or other means. Please see at the end of this document for details. Should you have enquiries please contact us at: orchidscholarship@gmail.com.

Motivations and Visions

MOTIVATIONS

Vietnam is a poor developing country. We, Vietnamese young professionals and students, used to raise a question: When will Vietnam become a developed country: 10 years, 20 years, or a century? Only young generation can answer this question. Among solutions, education is the most feasible way to help the youths to change their nation.

However, sadly many good seeds in Vietnam are unable to grow up in a suitable environment due to educational stagnation and poor circumstance. Thousands of pupils are unable to go to school or delicate to study because of financial difficulties, which limit them not only to explore their actual abilities but also to pursuit their dreams. As a consequence, the nation could waste high-quality work forces including skillful engineers, talented scientists, or brilliant economists; meanwhile, it still have to maintain the unemployed.

This fact triggers our motivation. We, the Vietnamese professionals and students working and studying aboard, realized that we should to take responsibilities for the future of Vietnam. Speeding up educational transformation and encouraging young talents should be a key mission. From such views, we managed to establish a non-profit organization, namely Orchid Scholarship Foundation (in Singapore in 2013) as a successor of Sakura Scholarship Foundation (established in Japan in 2010) to implement our wishes.

We focus on the high school students, who are 15-18 years old. This stage is the crucial transitional period for youths which can change their destiny, by either opening a gate to college or closing their promising future. At present, the high school period is not well supported by both government and private sectors, in contrary to college period when students can receive various kinds of aids.

We aim at poor high school students who are excellent and ambitious. The scholarship is small in amount but is big in terms of spiritual encouragement in order to foster them pursuing their dreams.

VISIONS

The Orchid Scholarship Foundation is a non-profit organization founded by Vietnamese professionals and students. We aim to become a professional and financial disclosure non-profit organization. Our vision is towards becoming a solid bridge for Vietnamese worldwide, Singaporean and international friends and organizations to contribute efficiently to the development of education and human resources in Vietnam that benefit bilateral nations.

TIMELINES

The new fundraising campaign starts in January. Fundraising events are held both offline and online during the year. In May, we start to receive applications from partners. The evaluation and selection process is completed in August. In September, award ceremonies are held at respective schools. The annual review is conducted around December to assess our activities during the year.



Foundation's Operations and Partnerships

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PARTNERED HIGHSCHOOLS



Tong hop Gifted High School

Location: Hanoi City;

Number of students: 1500;

Representative contact: Dr. Le Cong Loi, Associate Professor, Vice-Principal;

History: The school has richest achievements in Vietnam with 59 medals in the International Mathematical Olympiad, 27 medals in the International Olympiad in Informatics and various international and national prizes in mathematics, informatics, physics, chemistry, and biology. This high school is the only institution in Hanoi permit student nationwide to enter, majority of who are poor but aspirated.



Quoc hoc Gifted High School

Location: Hue City;

Number of students: 1400;

Representative contact: Mr. Nguyen Phuoc Bui Tuan, MSc, the Principal;

History: Founded on 1896, Quoc Hoc is the first and oldest high school in Vietnam. The school has been known as a place that promotes various generations of patriotism, industriousness (including President Ho Chi Minh, President Ngo Dinh Diem, General Vo Nguyen Giap, Pham Van Dong, Dang Van Ngu etc.). In the year 2013, the school won 52 national prizes in in all subjects including mathematics, informatics, physics, chemistry, biology, and foreign languages etc.



Hau Loc I High School

Location: Thanh Hoa Province;

Number of students: 1300;

Representative contact: Mr. Ha Khuong Duy, BSc, Secretary of Young Staff Union;

History: Hau Loc is a typical high school in rural areas (where total incomes of a local family are less than 200 SGD monthly). The school has about 1350 students. Our local partner staff is Ms. Bui Thi Thanh, vice-principal.



Su Pham Gifted High School

Location: Hanoi City;

Number of students: 1300;

Representative contact: Nguyen Duc Hoang, PhD, the Principal;

History: Founded on 1966, students from the school won 40 medals in the International Mathematical Olympiad. The school has got various Merit from the state including the First Order of the Labor Medal in 2011.



Nang Khieu Gifted High School

Location: Ho Chi Minh City;

Number of students: 1600;

Representative contact: Hoang Ngoc Hung, PhD, Vice-Principal;

History: Founded on 1996, students from the school won 7 medals in various international Olympiads. This is one of the best elite school in Ho Chi Minh City.



Hung Vuong Gifted High School

Location: Binh Duong Province;

Number of students: 700;

Representative contact: Nguyen Van Son, Principal;

History: Located in Thu Dau Mot City, Hung Vuong High School came into operation in 1996. The school was jointly contributed by the three local companies: Thanh Le (Thalexim), Hoang Gia, and Phi Long – and is one of the best local schools.

SUPPORTERS



GiapGroup
Vietnam



Vietnamese Embassy
in Singapore

PARTNERED ORGANIZATIONS

The Philip David Gray Memorial Trust for Vietnam



PDG Trust

pdgtrust.org

Since 2015 we signed a partnership agreement with the PDG Trust in order to offer university scholarships for candidates who have previously been in receipt of a high school scholarship from Orchid. We believe this initiative will offer a welcome new opportunity to deserving Orchid scholars to continue obtaining financial support for the career.

SPONSORS



Scholarship Benefits, Eligibility and Selection

ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS

Nominated students should:

- Nominated students (ages of 15-18 years) are preferably from partnered high schools
- Face difficulties in life but gain a good academic performance

SELECTION PROCESS AND DOCUMENTS

About 246 students nationwide have been selected for scholarships. This number may vary depending on the quality of applications, but we expect it increase annually.

Three major criteria are: (i) difficult circumstances in physical or financial aspects, (ii) good studying outcomes as well as (iii) strong aspiration. Student can be awarded up to three times as long as they can maintain their good academic performance during their high school years. At the initial stage, we focus on students living far from home, mostly students come from countryside to cities to study. In the future, more schools nationwide can be considered.

To be considered, applicant must complete an application form, which include (i) personal academic record and family circumstance, (ii) letter of motivation prepared by applicant him/herself and (iii) letter of recommendation from teacher. The completed application form can submit through local partners (i.e. high schools), or send directly to us via email.

To further assess the applicant, we evaluate the application form as well as conduct an interview (mostly to clarify of the application content). The evaluation is based on a standardized scale (by grading circumstance, academic outcome and aspiration by a ratio of 50:30:20). The interview is held by local partners while necessary and will be reported back to the committee with media tapes and text. The final application evaluation is taken by a committee (whose are executive volunteers and independent reviewers) and finally approved by the Board of Trustees.

SCHOLARSHIP BENEFITS

Based on the donation amount each year, we will decide the number of awards. About 10 scholarships will be awarded to each high school annually. We attempt to award regularly and to revise the scholarship amount as well as increase the number of awards. Since 2014, each scholarship is accompanied by a certificate and a financial support of 2,000,000 VND (equivalent to 120 SGD). This amount covers all the tuition fees for each awarded student within the year.

The donation from donors is used only for awarding scholarship. 100% fund raised goes directly into student. 100% operational expenses (transportation, meeting, certificate, etc.) are absorbed by executive volunteers. Financial transparency is our highest priority. The contact address of all awardees will be explicitly public. All explicit and anonymous donations are published on our website, as well.

Starting from 2015, all the scholarship recipients will be entitled to:

1. A scholarship certificate
2. A cash award of 2 million Vietnam Dong (an equivalent of S\$122 as of May 14th, 2016). This amount is able to cover basic tuition fee for a student within a year.
3. A meaningful gift book from Orchid Scholarship Foundation.
4. Free training in Orchid's workshops.
5. Free membership for Orchid Alumni Network (ONA). This allows students to get indirect benefits:
 - a. Advisory and mentoring for future career with oversea team
 - b. Receiving recommendation letters and supports in applying scholarships
 - c. Priority to get DPG Trust scholarships for entire 4 years of undergraduate in Vietnam

Hall of Fame

ORCHID RECIPIENTS

Details of recipients are viewable online, including achievement, family circumstance and other particulars.

2016: 75 students

Tong Hop High School (Hanoi)

1. Le Thu Trang
2. Dao Thi Huong Ly
3. Nguyen Hai My
4. Phan Thanh Tung
5. Nguyen Cam Tu
6. Nguyen Khac Hieu
7. Pham Viet Dung
8. Nguyen Xuan Duc
9. Vu Diep Cam
10. Le Minh Hang
11. Trieu Hoang Hai
12. Nguen Duc Quang
13. Nguyen Phuong Thao
14. Nguyen Viet Dung
15. Chu Minh Hieu
16. Nguyen Dinh Tuan Anh
17. Nguyen Nguyen hoang
18. Nguyen Nhat Tan
19. Nguyen Tho Khang
20. Chu Tien Manh

Hau Loc High School (Thanh Hoa)

1. Nguyen Thi Hang
2. Hoang Thi Giang
3. Nguyen Thi Trang
4. Vu Thi Trang
5. Nguyen Van Tien
6. Doan Thi Thuy
7. Trinh Minh Chien
8. Nguyen Thi Thanh
9. Nguyen Thi Tra My
10. Bui Thi Minh Hieu
11. Truong Thi My Linh
12. Trinh Minh Anh

Quoc Hoc High School (Hue)

1. Nguyen Dinh Khanh Hung
2. Le Nguyen Minh Hao
3. Nguyen Thi Quy Nhi
4. Nguyen Bao Tran
5. Hoang Do Minh Chau
6. Dang Ngoc Phuong Hao
7. Hoang Thi Thanh Thuy
8. Dang Hoang Duc
9. Nguyen Thi Dieu Minh
10. Do Anh Bon
11. Tran Thi Dieu Hien
12. Pham Van Cuong
13. Cao Thi Anh Nhi
14. Nguyen Huy Thuy Duong

Su Pham High School (Hanoi)

1. Tran Ba Duong
2. Vu Ba Hung
3. Le Doan Anh Quan
4. Ngo Ngoc Duc Huy
5. Ngo Thi Hue
6. Nguyen Duc Long
7. Nguyen Ngoc Anh
8. Nguyen Tien Trong
9. Nguyen Van Duy
10. Nguyen Viet Phuong Anh
11. Tran Ha Minh Nguyet
12. Pham Thuy Thuc Quyen
13. Tran Thi Thanh Hue
14. Nguyen Diem Linh
15. Tran Quoc Nam
16. Tran Thi Van Anh

Nang Kieu High School (Ho Chi Minh)

1. Dao Hieu Nghia
2. Nguyen Viet Thai
3. Le Thi Mai Anh
4. Bui Le Mai Anh
5. Nguyen Ngoc Kim Long
6. Vu Tran My Uyen
7. Le Hoang Chau
8. Trinh Duc Thai
9. Pham Nguyen Thao
10. Nguyen Doan Hien Thuc
11. Ta Dang Hau Tinh

Hung Vuong High School (Binh Duong)

1. Nguyen Thi Truc Quynh
2. Truong Le Quynh Huong

2015: 50 students

Tong Hop High School (Hanoi)

1. Nguyễn Đình Hải
2. Lê Hoàng Triều
3. Đinh Thị Hồng Ánh
4. Chu Thị Kim Tuyến
5. Nguyễn Thị Lệ Giang
6. Nguyễn Nguyên Hoàng
7. Nguyễn Nhật Tân
8. Phạm Vũ Phương Thảo
9. Trương Tấn Sang
10. Chu Thị Thúy Hằng
11. Nguyễn Đình Tuấn Anh
12. Bùi Văn Đại
13. Vũ Thị Chinh
14. Lỗ Xuân Thư
15. Chu Minh Hiếu

Hau Loc High School (Thanh Hoa)

1. Vũ Thị Tố Uyên
2. Lai Hoàng Nhật Minh
3. Phạm Thị Thanh
4. Đoàn Thị Nhi
5. Vũ Thị Loan

6. Phạm Đức Duy
7. Lê Thị Xen
8. Nguyễn Hoa Quỳnh Nhung
9. Trương Thị Mỹ Linh
10. Lê Văn Linh
11. Trương Hoài Linh
12. Nguyễn Thị Lệ

Quoc Hoc High School (Hue)

1. Hồ Nguyễn Hải Tuấn
2. Hoàng Anh Chiến
3. Lê Thị Mỹ Duyên
4. Lê Thị Tâm
5. Lưu Văn Tiến
6. Nguyễn Bùi Thanh Sơn
7. Nguyễn Huy Thùy Dương
8. Nguyễn Hy Hoài Lâm
9. Nguyễn Việt Cường
10. Trần Lê Thúy Hiền
11. Trần Nhật Hoàng
12. Võ Đức Quang Linh
13. Tran Van Long (*)

(exceptional case)*

Nang Kieu High School (Ho Chi Minh)

1. Vũ Toàn Thắng
2. Lê Hồng Đức
3. Nguyễn Võ Thanh Thiện
4. Phạm Nguyễn Mạnh
5. Hoàng Tuấn Khôi

6. Trịnh Minh Anh
7. Nguyễn Thái Vinh
8. Trần Tấn Phát
9. Nguyễn Ngọc Minh Huy
10. Trương Tấn Sang

2014: 47 students

Tong Hop High School (Hanoi)

1. Bùi Xuân Trường
2. Chu Minh Hiếu
3. Đặng Văn Hiệp
4. Đỗ Ngọc Khánh
5. Hồ Trí Dũng
6. Nguyễn Thanh Hoài
7. Nguyễn Thế Hoàn
8. Nguyễn Thọ Khang
9. Phan Đức Nhật Minh
10. Trần Đức Linh
11. Đào Cao Thái
12. Hà Anh Đức

Hau Loc High School (Thanh Hoa)

1. Trương Thị Mỹ Linh
2. Nguyễn Thị Hồng
3. Vũ Thị Tố Uyên
4. Bùi Thị Hiền
5. Mai Hà Trang
6. Nguyễn Thị Phương

7. Lê Thị Xen
8. Nguyễn Văn Đạt
9. Trần Thị Anh
10. Vũ Thị Loan
11. Nguyễn Thị Hải Hậu
12. Bùi Thị Thảo
13. Vũ Văn Thuyên

Quoc Hoc High School (Hue)

1. Bùi Thị Thảo Nguyên
2. La Bảo Ngọc
3. Nguyễn Thị Hoài Nhung
4. Nguyễn Thị Thanh Nhân
5. Phan Thị Hồng Liên
6. Trần Văn Long
7. Văn Thị Minh Hằng
8. Võ Thị Hồng Ngọc
9. Trần Văn Tiến
10. Hoàng Văn Nhân
11. Lê Hoàng Hùng

Su Pham High School (Hanoi)

1. Chu Văn Trang
2. Đặng Ngọc Dương
3. Nguyễn Diễm Linh
4. Nguyễn Tài Đô
5. Nguyễn Thị Hồng Nhung
6. Nguyễn Trung Hiếu
7. Phạm Thái Hòa
8. Trần Quốc Nam

9. Trần Thị Vân Anh

10. Vũ Phúc Hoàng

11. Lưu Xuân Sơn

2013: 38 students

Tong Hop High School (Hanoi)

1. Đỗ Ngọc Khánh
2. Đỗ Thị Ngát
3. Đỗ Tùng Lâm
4. Đỗ Xuân Việt
5. Huỳnh Thị Yến Nhi
6. Lê Viết Khương
7. Nguyễn Thế Hoàn
8. Ninh Thị Ngân
9. Phạm Quang Huy
10. Trương Mỹ Linh
11. Vũ Đồng Thức

Hau Loc High School (Thanh Hoa)

1. Bùi Thị Hiền
2. Hoàng Thị Quỳnh
3. Mai Thị Xinh
4. Nguyễn Thị Hồng
5. Nguyễn Thị Linh
6. Nguyễn Thị Nga
7. Nguyễn Thị Ngọc Diệp
8. Nguyễn Thị Thư
9. Phạm Thị Thắm

10. Trịnh Công Sơn
11. Hoàng Thị Lệ
12. Trần Minh Phúc
13. Nguyễn Thị Trang

Quoc Hoc High School (Hue)

1. Đỗ Văn Cương
2. Lê Nguyễn Thanh Nhân
3. Nguyễn Phước Quý Quang
4. Đinh Thị Thúy Nhi
5. Trần An Duy

Su Pham High School (Hanoi)

1. Lê Thị Quỳnh Trang
2. Đặng Ngọc Dương
3. Điều Minh Châu
4. Nguyễn Minh Hiền
5. Phạm Minh Tuấn
6. Trần Ngọc Yến Nhi
7. Phan Phong Loan
8. Nguyễn Thị Tường Vân
9. Trần Hoàng Sơn

2012: 18 students

Tong Hop High School (Hanoi)

1. Đinh Thị Lan Anh (11A2 Math)
2. Đỗ Tùng Lâm (11A1 Math)
3. Đỗ Xuân Việt (11A1 IT)
4. Phạm Quang Dũng (12A1 Chemistry)

5. Trương Mỹ Linh (11A1 Biology)

6. Vũ Văn Kiên (12A1 Physics)

Hau Loc High School (Thanh Hoa)

1. Nguyễn Hữu Thái

2. Nguyễn Trung Kiên

3. Hoàng Thị Thu Hà

4. Nguyễn Thị Thơm

5. Cao Thị Trang

6. Nguyễn Minh Thùy

Quoc Hoc High School (Hue)

1. Nguyễn Thị Phương Nhi (12 Hóa)

2. Nguyễn Xuân Hưng (12 Tin)

3. Lưu Hà Giang (12 Địa)

4. Nguyễn Hữu Koong (12 Sinh)

5. Nguyễn Thị Kim Đài (10 Văn)

6. Võ Thị Huệ (10 Địa)

2011: 21 students

Tong Hop High School (Hanoi)

1. Phạm Thị Hiển

2. Phạm Thị Thủy Linh

3. Nguyễn Thị Hồng Minh

4. Nguyễn Thanh Quyết

5. Hoàng Thị Thủy

6. Phạm Duy Tiến

Hau Loc High School (Thanh Hoa)

1. Nguyễn Thị Chiên
2. Nguyễn Trần Đức
3. Tống Mỹ Duyên
4. Trần Thị Hiền
5. Nguyễn Thị Huệ
6. Phan Thị Thu Huyền
7. Nguyễn Thị Loan
8. Phùng Hà Tài
9. Lường Thị Thương
10. Đỗ Thị Tuyết

Quoc Hoc High School (Hue)

1. Nguyễn Xuân Hưng
2. Nguyễn Thị Phương Nhi
3. Lê Văn Phong
4. Nguyễn Văn Thiện
5. Lê Duy Toàn

AWARDING CEREMONIES

The award commencements are held during “Lễ khai giảng” (Opening Ceremony of Academic Year) at each respective partner high school.



Awarding ceremony at one of the high schools, Nang Kheiu, Sep 2016

ALUMNI ACTIVITIES

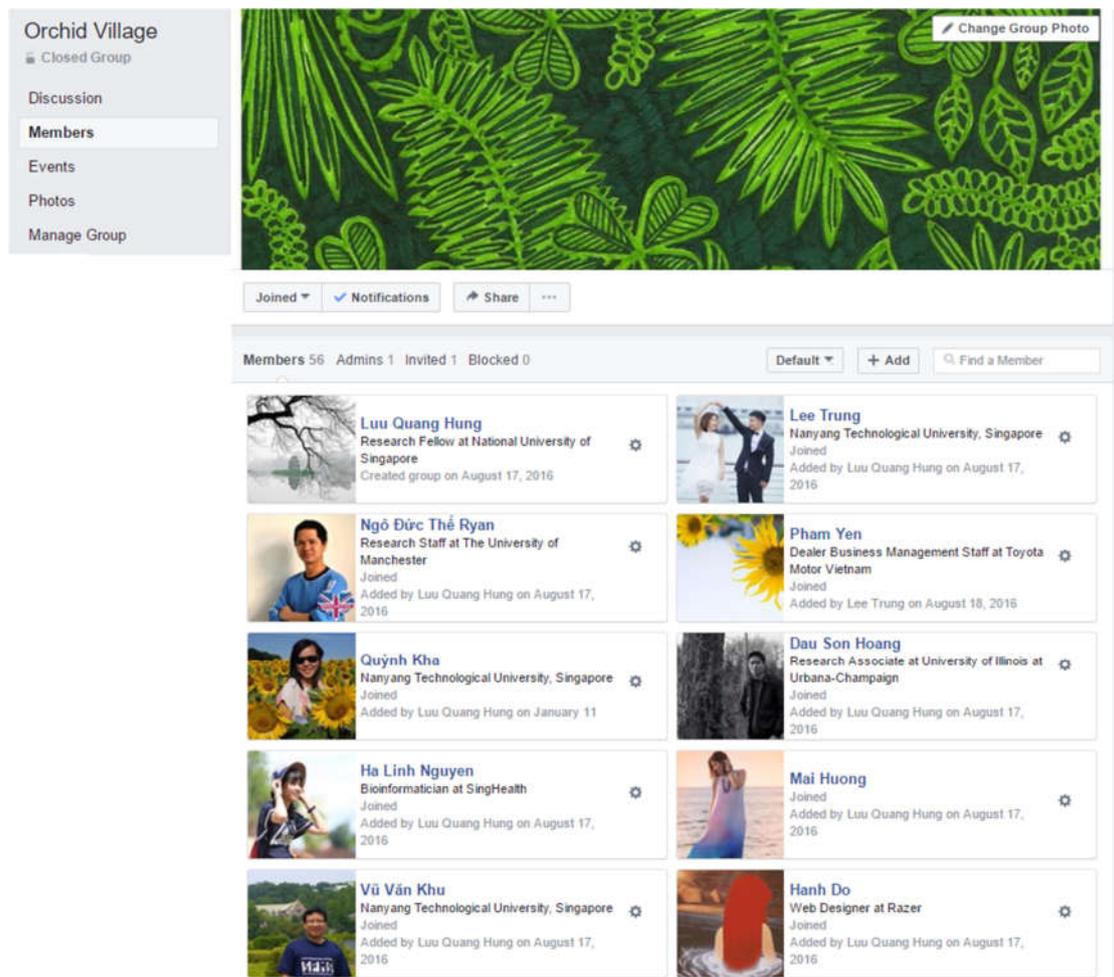
We open lots of activities for alumni:



Dr. Giap Van Duong and Orchid alumni during the Orchid Workshop organized in Hanoi 10/2016 sponsored by Orchid Scholarship Foundation and GiapGroup



Dr. Nguyen Ngoc Huy presented at the Orchid Workshop organized in Thanh Hoa, 7/2016



The Orchid Village Facebook group has been established to connect Orchid recipients, alumni and volunteer team members, 8/2016

SELECTED ALUMNI

Orchid Alumnus to Win Gold Medal in The 2014 International Mathematical Olympiad

Orchid Scholarship Foundation: Orchid attempts have made impacts. Nguyen The Hoan, who has been selected to award the Orchid Scholarship last year, has won the highest prize in the recent International Mathematical Olympiad. In his application for the Orchid Scholarship, he appreciated the supports from his family, teacher, friends and the Orchid Scholarship Foundation, as well as exhibited the dream to be a good lecturer. Below is an article about him being translated from one of the most popular online news publishers in Vietnam,



Nguyen The Hoan and his family after his arrival from the International Mathematical Olympiad

Son of construction workers is gold medal winner of International Mathematical Olympiad 2014

(Source: VNExpress, translated by Ton Nu Hoang Lan)

On the day Mr. Hoa and his wife sent their son to Hanoi to enroll in the High School for Gifted Students (HSGS) of Vietnam National University, Hanoi, they also left their village to look for temporary jobs in Hanoi to support their son's study.

At 5 AM 14th July, the family of Nguyen The Hoan (11th grader of the HSGS of Vietnam National University, Hanoi) was eager to go to the airport to welcome him after the International Mathematical Olympiad (IMO) 2014 competition. His mother, in a white shirt, jeans and sandals, was holding a bouquet of flowers while continuously looking at the arrival gate. Meeting her son, Ms. Thach hugged him with teary eyes. "Hard-working and well-behaved children are the most valuable asset of a family", the mother said.

Hoan was born in a farming family in Hoa Binh, Hung Ha district, Thai Binh province, situated in the Northern Vietnam. Profits from a small piece of paddy rice, which is all they had, was not enough to feed the family of four, let alone to afford tuition fees and other necessary expenses for their two growing sons.

Appreciating that his parents have been working very hard to afford the family, Hoan has always been very focused on his study. With natural-born talents, during the primary and secondary years, Hoan had received numerous awards for outstanding academic results, including those from the provincial level. All the walls in his small house were densely decorated with his 34 certificates and awards.

After the high school entrance exams, Hoan was admitted to three prestigious schools for gifted students: HSGS of Hanoi University of Education, HSGS of Vietnam National University, Hanoi and HSGS of Thai Binh Province. Carrying the dream of studying in the same school with International Olympiad winners such as Le Hung Viet Bao, Ngo Dang Tuan..., Hoan asked his parents to allow him to go to Hanoi to continue the high school years.

“My son said that in Hanoi, he would need just the same amount of food. The HSGS of Vietnam National University, Hanoi has been his long term dream. With the love for him and the wish that he would succeed in his study, my husband and I decided to go to Hanoi looking for temporary jobs”, said Ms Nguyen Thi Thach (38 years old), Hoan’s mother.

The day Hoan entered high school was also the day his parents left their village to go to Hanoi to become temporary construction workers. The couples did not rent a place to stay but have been staying in temporarily tents at the construction sites. Despite their sickness or bad weather, the couples have always been at the construction sites to do their jobs. Their combined monthly salaries are about 6 to 7 million VND (about 350-400 SGD), half of which they spend on Hoan’s tuition fees and their daily expenses. The rest they send home for the grandparents to take care of the second son, a 9th grader of a gifted class specialized in Literature.

With teary eyes, Ms. Thach recalled those days when Hoan skipped his breakfast to save for daily expenses. When he was sick, he didn’t inform his parents because he didn’t want them to worry for him and to spend more money on him. “Only when he had high fever with severe symptoms that his friends contacted us to bring him to the hospital for intravenous infusion”, said Ms Thach.

Although his parents have been staying in temporary tents at the construction sites, Hoan has never felt ashamed about it. He even feels proud that “Everyone has their own job and I am proud of my parents who have always sacrificed for me.” International Mathematical Olympiad gold medal is a precious gift that Hoan dedicated to his parents for their sacrifice.

Hearing the news that Hoan has won the gold medal, his mother burst into happy tears till she almost fainted. During that day, fellow workers at the construction site happily shared the news and admired the family. In Thai Binh province, for two consecutive days, Hoan’s grandparents were busy greeting relatives, friends and teachers who came to share the joy. The whole family was proud of Hoan and looking forward to welcoming the ‘golden’ boy in the village.

Speaking of his own victory, the 11th grader of the HSGS of Vietnam National University, Hanoi just smiled gently and shared that “I am very glad to achieve my academic dream. After the exam, I thought I would only win a Silver medal, not a Gold one.” Hoan is the youngest member of the Vietnamese IMO team this year.

The competition days in South Africa, Hoan said, were tough for the Vietnam team due to unfamiliar food, time difference and cold weather of below 10 degrees at nights. However, with caring and effective measures from the training teachers, all of the team’s six contestants were healthy and comfortable during the competition.

The International Mathematics Olympiad exam this year was a bit different, with more focus on combinations. However, there were still two questions about geometry, Hoan’s area of strength. “I feel very fortunate for that. When knowing that I still won the gold medal with my 29 points, I felt very happy not only for myself but also for the whole team because our achievement would also be augmented “, Hoan said.

With great interest in the subject that requires continuous training of the brain since childhood, Hoan is planning to pursue Applied Mathematics as his long term career. His short term plan is to improve his English to get a scholarship to study overseas “I will try to obtain good scholarships so that my parents will not need to worry about my tuition fees and expenses”, Hoan said.

Scholarships Awarded in 2016-2017

SUMMARIES

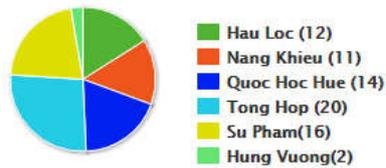
The summary of scholarships awarded in 2016-2017 is given as follows.

Total: **75 students**

Scholarship Awarded

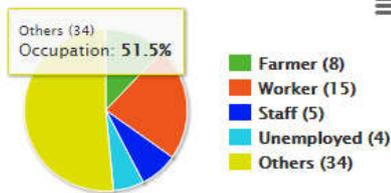
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Scholarship Distribution



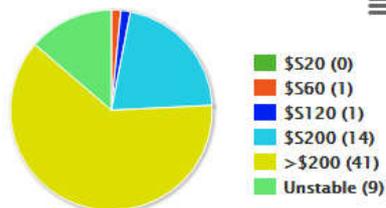
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Parents' Occupations



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Monthly Income per Person

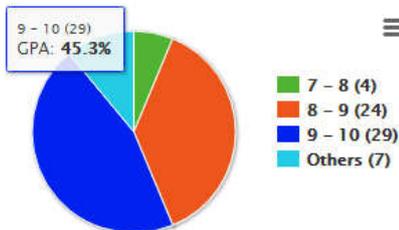


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Majority of parents (fathers) recipients are farmers and workers.

Most recipients are from poor or very poor families; 90% have income per person as low as 120 SGD per month, many even 30 SGD.

GPA (Scale 1 to 10)



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Achievements in Olympiads



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Most recipients are overall excellent; with 80% students got high to very high GPA score (in Vietnamese scale, max 10=A+, 9=A, 8=A-).

Most recipients are gifted at their majors; with 90% students got prizes in Olympiads.

Orchid Activities 2016-2017

FUNDRAISING EVENTS

The fundraising party had successfully held in Singapore on 24 June 2016 and in Japan on 13 November 2016.

There were about 100 invited guests turned up at the party in Singapore including many high-profile Vietnamese such as:

1. H.E. Mr. Nguyen Tien Minh, Ambassador Extraordinary & Plenipotentiary of Vietnam in Singapore
2. Mrs. Do Mai Khanh, Minister Counsellor, Deputy Head of Mission of Vietnam in Singapore
3. Dr. Phan Thien Nhan (Board Chairman), NUS Professor, and his wife Mrs. Duong Kim Thoa
4. Dr. Vu Minh Khuong (Board Member), NUS Professor, and his wife Mrs. Tran Chau Sa
5. Mr. Do Huu Hung & Mrs. Nguyen Thi My Binh, Heads of VTV & TTX
6. The 9S Musical Band
6. Dr. Duong Hong Duc

and many other distinguished friends and supporters.



Guests enjoyed activities during the party in Singapore, 24/6/2016



Ambassador Nguyen Tien Minh (brown shirt) delivered his speech during Singapore event, 24/6/2016.



For the first time, Orchid organized a fundraising event in Kyoto, Japan during a food fair, 3/11/2016.

PERSONAL SUPPORTERS

It is our great honors to be generously and kindly supported by our Board of Trustees.



One of our visits to the family of Professor Phan Thien Nhan and his wife Mrs. Duong Kim Thoa, who always give us their greatest financial supports, precious advice and inspiring encouragement.



One of our visits to the family of Professor Vu Minh Khuong, our board member, and his wife Mrs. Tran Chau Sa, who often share with us visions in transforming Vietnam into a better nation, 11/2016.



Appreciation BBQ Party for Supporters, Pasir Ris Park, Singapore, 3/2017



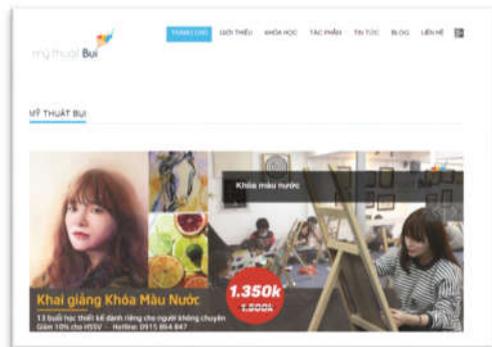
One of our visits to the office of Dr. Giap Van Duong, to discuss on implementing Orchid activities in Vietnam, 1/2016

ORCHID WITH PARTNERS

In this year, we have expanded and strengthened the connections with our partners to increase our effectiveness.



In 2016, the Philip David Gray Memorial Trust for Vietnam Foundation led by Prof Phil Gray (UK), to continue support for selected Orchid high school students at University.



Our partner, My Thuat Bui Education School, generously donated many art items for charity auctions, 3/2016



Orchid activities received great support from 16s Bands, Singapore, 09/2016

ORCHID ON MEDIA

Orchid activities have been captured in public media.



Orchid Fund Raising Party 2016

On the national channel VTV4, 7/2016.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WeVdN73LjPM>

Gần 120 học sinh nghèo vượt khó nhận học bổng Hoa Phong Lan

KHÁNH CHI/SINGAPORE (VIETNAM+) 29/06/2016 11:35 GMT+7 [Bản in](#)



Hoạt động gây quỹ của Quỹ học bổng Hoa Phong Lan đã nhận được sự hưởng ứng của đông đảo cộng đồng người Việt Nam tại Singapore. (Ảnh: Khánh Chi/Vietnam+)

On the Vietnam News Agency (ThongTanXa), 7/2016.

<http://www.vietnamplus.vn/gan-120-hoc-sinh-ngheo-vuot-kho-nhan-hoc-bong-hoa-phong-lan/393451.vnp>

INTERNAL ACTIVITIES

Orchid team has organized various bonding activities to strengthen the team and generate new ideas for the organization. Of course, individuals who attended cover all expenses. No funding is taken from Orchid Scholarship Foundation. Few activities are shown below.



Orchid Singapore team members (from left): Linh, Khu, Hanh, Nam, Hung, Trung, Huong and Lan



Tet Festival organized by Vietnam Embassy, Singapore 1/2017



Bugis, Singapore, 7/2016

Financial Summary

As part of our sustainable policy, more than half of the cumulative balance will be used to award scholarships in the corresponding year. The remaining fund is reserved to secure the financial stability.

By the end of 2016, we successfully raised a gross sum of **SGD \$12,301.88** from auction and public donation. All operating expenses including cost of auction items are covered by Orchid administrators and members.

In 2016, the total cash amount of **VND 150,000,000** was awarded to **75 Vietnamese students nationwide**.

As of 31 December 2016, we have an accumulated savings balance of **SGD \$15,922.18** for future Orchid activities.

INCOME STATEMENT

The Income Statement for the year ended in December 2016 is presented as below:

ORCHID SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION				
INCOME STATEMENT				
<i>For the year ended 2016</i>				
	2016	2015	2014	2013
		S\$	S\$	S\$
Scholarship Fund from Donation	10,681.88	9,300.00	9,502.98	4,993.00
Scholarship Fund from Auction Profit	1,620.00	1,119.06	925.80	-
A - Total Scholarship Fund	\$ 12,301.88	\$ 10,419.06	\$ 10,428.79	\$ 4,993.00
B - Fund Awarded for Scholarships	\$ 10,341.21	\$ 6,290.00	\$ 5,829.83	\$ 2,267.00
(A-B) Reserved FUND	\$ 1,960.67	\$ 4,169.06	\$ 4,601.86	\$ 2,726.00
Cummulative Balance for Scholarship Funds	\$ 13,457.58	\$ 11,496.91		
Operating Funds	2,893.92	3,109.36	3,020.21	522.00
Less: Operating Expense (all covered by Orchid Team & Donors)				
Food & Drinks (2015(4) & 2014(1) - BBQ, 2013: Tea party)	\$ 1,360.00	\$ 1,196.06	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 100.20
Transportation for bulky items	\$ 60.05	\$ 80.00	\$ 103.00	-
Gifts to Donors & VIP networking	\$ 30.00	\$ 734.18	\$ 877.61	-
Facilities	\$ 209.52	\$ 184.00	\$ 274.00	-
Camera recording fee(2)	-	-	\$ 120.00	-
Awards for Orchid video competition (3)	-	-	\$ 700.21	-
Misc (Printing etc)	\$ 83.50	\$ 146.56	-	\$ 22.00
Total Operating Expenditure	1,743.07	2,340.80	2,874.82	122.20
B - Net Operating Fund	1,150.85	768.56	145.39	399.80
Cummulative Cash Balance for Operation fund	2,464.60	\$ 1,313.75		
Total Cash Balance	\$ 15,922.18	\$ 12,810.66		

(4) \$800 contributed by Prof Nhan & Mrs. Thoa in 2015
 (3) sponsored by Mr Nguyen Ngoc Anh in 2014
 (2) covered by Mr Tu Trung Hieu in 2014
 (1) All sponsored by Prof Nhan & Mrs. Thoa in 2014

LIST OF DONORS 2016

PART I: AUCTION

No	Name	Winning Bid S\$	Auction items
1	Tracy Trang	175.00	Chiec Xe May Cu
2	Do Quay	300.00	Tim Chim
3	Pham Kim Hoan and Mai Mai	200.00	Pho La
4	Nguyen Dinh Tam	225.00	Goc Nang
5	Anonymous	200.00	So Truong Sa
6	Tong Minh Quan	220.00	Loi Thoat
7	VTV VN	300.00	Painting given by Prof. Khuong
	Total	1,620.00	

PART II: DONATION

No	Name	Donation S\$
1	Prof Phan Thien Nhan & Mrs Duong Kim Thoa	3,000.00
2	Prof. Vu Minh Khuong & Mrs Tran Chau Sa	500
3	Vietnam Embassy	500
4	Chi bo DH 1	300
5	Prof. Long	268
6	Thanh Ha	215
7	Nguyen Phat-TD Bank	200
8	Dr Duong Minh Hai	200
9	Nguyen Dinh Tam, Trinh Thi Lien Minh	200
10	Vu Quynh Le	200
11	Le Hong Hiep	200
12	Tran Ngoc Han	200
13	Huy	200
14	Vu Phuoc Khanh Hien	200
15	Ngoc Lan	200
16	Thuy Tien	200
17	Mai Khanh (DSQ)	200
18	Hien P	200
19	Anonymous	200
20	Dong Hanh Singapore Scholarship	150
21	Nguyen Minh Ngoc	124.38

22	Zsolt Szabo + Tran Khanh Ngan	120
23	Le Thi Khanh Hien	100
24	Nguyen Ba Tuyen	100
25	Hoa Nhu Quynh	100
26	Nguyen Van Ha	100
27	Dinh Quang Thinh	100
28	Do Dinh Tho	100
29	Thai Ngoc Thuy Huong	100
30	Sophia + Kimmy Le	100
31	Loi (anonymous)	100
32	Nguyen Van Hoang	100
33	TTXVN	100
34	Thuy Huong	100
35	Hoa Tran	100
36	Trinh Geog	100
37	Anh Bo NUS	100
38	Hoang Lan	100
39	Chu Van Tiep (NTU)	100
40	Pham Thu Huong (Germany)	62.5
41	Ngo Duc The	60
42	Nguyễn Xuân Bắc	50
43	Ting Joey-TD Bank	50
44	Choo Benjamin-TD Bank	50
45	Quek Jason	50
46	Thao CPV	50
47	Vo Tu Oanh	50
48	Nguyen Thi Le Quyen	50
49	Cao Ba Quoc	50
50	Pham Thu Trang	50
51	Pham Thi Kim Ngan	50
52	Ho Minh Dao	50
53	Phan Van Dan	50
54	Ngo Thanh Tung	50
55	Ngo Hong Son + Nguyen Duc Duong	50
56	Pham Trang	50
57	Tran Thi Dung	50
58	Minh Dao	50

59	SK Mishra	50
60	Tourbin	50
61	Luna Pham Hanh	50
62	Bùi Ngọc Sơn NUS	50
63	Uyen Nguyen	15
64	Vigraud Ludivine	15
65	Em be	2
	Total	10,681.88

OPERATING EXPENSES

Most of our expenses were spent for the fundraising campaign. **Expenses of total SGD \$1,743.07 only** incurred in 2016 (25.54% less than previous year, 2015). Operating expenses are all covered by our administrators and members as our commitment to ensure 100% of donors' money contributes to scholarships for our students.

OPERATING EXPENSE BREAKDOWN in FY 2016 *(all covered by Orchid Administrators)*

Category	Narrative	Cost S\$
Food & Drink	BBQ fundraising event	\$ 1,360.00
	Function Room Booking	\$ 85.60
	Rent of projector and screen	\$ 123.92
	Miscellaneous expenses	
	Painting frames (5) -\$83.50	\$ 83.50
	Taxi -\$60.05	\$ 60.05
	Giant Shell-Free	
	Chocolate-\$30	\$ 30.00

Contributions of Orchid team members to the operating expenses (the remaining will be forwarded to next year):

No	Name	Donation S\$
1	Luu Quang Hung	500.00
2	Vu Van Khu	700.00
3	Nam Le	450.00
4	Lan Nguyen	300.00
5	Nguyen Ha Linh	420.00
6	Than Thi Mai Huong	200.00
7	Le Hoang Trung	123.92
8	Dau Son Hoang	200.00
	Total	2,893.92

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You could donate us by cash in person, or transfer to the following bank account

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POSB Branch @ Bukit Batok Central, Singapore
Mr. Le Tran Hoai Nam



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