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Kasteelpark Arenberg 20, 3001 Leuven

Vietnamese delegation:

Two experts from the Department of Sciences, Technologies & Environnement, Ministry of Education
Representatives from 7 universities in the field of **agriculture, forestry and aquaculture**:

Hanoi University of Agriculture

Agro-forestry university of Hue

Agro-forestry university of Thai Nguyen

Agro-forestry university of Ho Chi Minh

Can Tho University

Nha Trang University

Tay Nguyen University

Introduction K.U.Leuven:

Welcome to Leuven, and to Flanders,

because if I understood well, the rest of your programme is scheduled in the French speaking part of Belgium.

I am pleased to get the opportunity to introduce my university.

K.U.Leuven is Belgium's largest but also top ranked university and one of the oldest universities in Europe. It is a comprehensive university, created in 1425 and offering nearly all programmes (except Veterinary sciences).

You probably already visited our sister university, l'Université catholique de Louvain, with whom we had the same history till 1970. After that date we were split into two universities, functioning under two different regional education systems.

K.U.Leuven has 14 faculties: Theology, Canon Law, Philosophy, Law, Business and Economics, Social Sciences, Arts, Psychology and Educational Sciences, Science, Engineering, Bioscience Engineering, Medicine, Pharmaceutical Sciences, Kinesiology and Rehabilitation Sciences.

The K.U.Leuven offers a wide variety of academic programmes in Dutch and English, nurtured by high-quality interdisciplinary research, both at the university and at its internationally acclaimed university hospitals.

With its international graduate programmes, its three doctoral schools and numerous world class research departments and institutes, K.U.Leuven clearly positions itself amongst the top-research universities in Europe, with its eye set squarely on the future



The university's interaction and co-operation with external partners is very intense.

Besides, the K.U.Leuven is associated with 12 Institutions of higher education, located across Flanders, what provides a big and complementary and interdisciplinary network.

The K.U.Leuven is also well known for its very performing technology transfer office, helping the researchers to manage the economic potential of their research results.

Some figures:

Students K.U.Leuven: 38.640

International students: 5.530 (14,3%)

Students from association: 80.000 (43 % of all student population in Flanders)

Population Leuven: 97.000

English masters: 78

Staff university: 9.971 (+ 8.664 Hospital)

Spinn offs: more then 90

Today (AJ 2010-2011), the K.U.Leuven welcomes more than **130 Vietnamese students**: about 80 on PhD level and the others are following one of our 78 master programmes in English.

As part of our internationalization strategy we started a Vietnam working group, bringing together all professors who already have collaboration with Vietnam, or who want to be involved in future cooperation. Those interested academics come from different faculties such as: sciences, engineering, education, but also from this faculty of bio-engineering.

We think that Vietnam, as an emerging country, is a an interesting place to work with.

Also the good experiences we had in the past with Vietnamese students encourages us to go forward.

Of course we are very interested in the possibilities for cooperation, offered by the University Development Cooperation through VLIR-UOS, and Prof Sorgeloos will present you the latest information about the VLIR-UOS programmes and the Vietnam country strategy in a few minutes, but the K.U.Leuven is also interested in developing its own cooperation channel, including other actors such as the private sector, companies, ngo's.

We are very keen to hear what YOUR expectations and ideas are for future collaboration.