

45 candidates will receive VEF Fellowship, Cohort 2012

(VOH) – During the working visit to Vietnam from August 4-12, 2011, in the afternoon of August 11, twelve U.S. scientists and professors, Vietnam Education Foundation (VEF) Board Members and VEF Alumni visited Da Phuoc Integrated Waste Management Facility in Binh Chanh District, Ho Chi Minh City, which is invested by Vietnam Waste Solutions.



U.S. scientists and VEF Board Members and staff. Photo by: P.K

After the introduction about Vietnam Waste Solutions (VWS) by Mr. Kevin Moore, VWS Executive Director, the scientists and professors had a Press Meeting about the Interview Mission of the VEF Fellowship Program, Cohort 2012 and the 3rd VEF Alumni Conference organized from August 12-14, 2011 in Can Tho City.

The U.S. scientists and professors will interview 82 candidates to select 45 best ones to pursue graduate programs at the U.S. universities in the fall of 2012 in the fields supported by VEF including sciences (natural, physical, and environmental), engineering, mathematics, medicine (including public health and health sciences), and technology (including information technology). This is the 9th year of VEF's operation in Vietnam.

The VEF Fellowship Program has sent 385 Vietnamese Fellows to study at 82 leading U.S. universities, the majority of whom pursue a doctorate degree. The Vietnam Education Foundation (VEF) is established by the U.S. Congress, and annually funded with U.S. \$5 million by the U.S. Government until 2018.

Mr. David Duong, CEO of Vietnam Waste Solutions and Ms. Sandy Hoa Dang, both of whom are Vietnamese American and VEF Board Members, hope to receive the support from the whole community so that more Vietnamese students can receive scholarships from the

Foundation (VEF will end its operation in 2018) and contribute to the country after return. VEF is making efforts towards the establishment of an American university in Vietnam

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