



**EMBASSY OF THE  
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**

**Hanoi, Vietnam**

January 6, 2012

**AMBASSADOR**

Dr. Lynne McNamara  
Executive Director  
Vietnam Education Foundation

Dear Dr. McNamara:

As we close another successful year of collaboration, I wanted to take this opportunity to commend the real and important work the Vietnam Education Foundation is doing as part of our broader U.S. Government efforts on scholarly exchange and education. VEF brings the best and brightest Vietnamese to the United States for invaluable academic and cultural experiences that enrich our bilateral relationship and advance our understanding in a personal and lasting way.

I understand that you have sent nearly 400 graduates to the United States since 2003 to complete graduate degrees at top U.S. universities. Like our Fulbright program and other U.S. Government exchanges, this is an extraordinary and important investment in the future of Vietnam and the future of our relationship. It also provides the necessary human capital to drive Vietnam's economic progress in critical areas like science, technology, and engineering.

We also appreciate your support in working together closely with the Embassy on our education conference earlier this year as well as our upcoming partnership website to match U.S. and Vietnamese universities looking for collaborations, which will help further our overall educational cooperation.

I wish you all the best for another successful year in cooperation with the U.S. Embassy here and your other partners. Thanks again for sharing our commitment to advancing our important and dynamic bilateral relationship with Vietnam through exchange, knowledge, and understanding.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "D. B. Shear", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

David B. Shear