

February 27, 2012

Mr. Chris Fussner, Chairman
Dr. Lynne McNamara, Executive Director
Vietnam Education Foundation
2111 Wilson Boulevard, Suite 700
Arlington, Virginia 22201

Dear Mr. Fussner and Dr. McNamara,

I have had the pleasure of overseeing the Rutgers University role in the administration of the Vietnam Education Foundation program that has sent nine graduate students and one postdoctoral fellow to Rutgers. This has been a success story for the students and, I am sure, will be one for Vietnam as well. It has certainly helped us learn of the great potential in Vietnam for scientific, educational and economic development, as reflected in these talented and committed individuals—as well as the promise of further contact and collaboration between the two countries based on the relationships that have emerged from participation in this program.

Most of the students have performed well in their coursework and those that have completed their studies have been highly successful thereafter. The one who has completed his PhD in Mathematics went on to a postdoctoral fellowship at Oxford and is now an instructor at Princeton. The one who completed in Electrical and Computer Engineering published five journal papers while here, went on to a postdoctoral fellowship at Melbourne and is now a Research Associate at Leicester. The postdoctoral fellow returned to his position as a Lecturer at Cantho University and is collaborating with his adviser here on studies of soil pollution in Vietnam. His adviser recently returned from presenting a short course at Cantho—a direct outcome of the fellowship.

We at Rutgers look forward to a continuing relationship with VEF and with the scientists and engineers of Vietnam.

Sincerely,



Harvey Waterman
Associate Dean for Academic Affairs

cc: Jerome J. Kukor