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CC: Dr. Lynne McNamara
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Dear Dr. Silvera,

On behalf of Vietnam National University, Hanoi (VNU), I would like to extend to you my warmest greetings and heartiest congratulations on your being selected as the new Chair of the VEF Board of Directors.

I would also like to take this opportunity to express our sincerest appreciation for the important work and contributions of VEF over the past 9 years.

As you are aware, at present, one of the challenges that the Vietnamese higher education is facing is the serious lack of well-trained, qualified human resources, who can drive toward excellence in teaching, research, and publication. In this regard, VEF has played a critical role in helping Vietnam address this critical challenge through its three educational exchange programs. The VEF Fellowship Program has sent a great number of talented Vietnamese nationals to study graduate programs at highly regarded universities in the United States. Besides, many Vietnamese scholars have been supported to do post-doc development programs under the VEF Visiting Scholar Program. In addition, under the VEF U.S. Faculty Scholar Program, many U.S. professors have been granted to teach Vietnamese students either onsite or via video-conferencing. These individuals have contributed directly or indirectly to the development of higher education, especially in the fields of science and technology, in Vietnam.

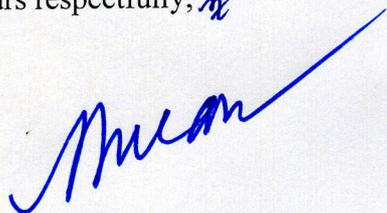
Over the past 9 years, thanks to the support of VEF, 72 members of our academic community, both faculty members and students, have been sent to the United States for studies and research. In addition, two VEF U.S. Faculty Scholars have come to teach at VNU. Furthermore, together with VEF, we have co-sponsored numerous lectures and scientific presentations, seminars, and workshops by U.S. professors at various member institutions of VNU; thus, bringing about opportunities for long-term collaborations and partnerships in research and teaching between

VNU and other universities in the United States. These individual and institutional interactions have brought better understanding of our two peoples; thus, enhancing the relationship between our two countries.

We highly appreciate VEF's significant support and contributions. We sincerely hope that VEF will continue its valuable exchange programs and activities in the years to come.

Thank you and we wish you, VEF Board of Directors, VEF Management and staff, excellent health and continued success. We sincerely hope that the good relationship between VNU and VEF will be further strengthened as time goes by.

Yours respectfully, *mx*

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Mai Trong Nhuan', written in a cursive style.

Prof. Mai Trong Nhuan
President
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