

We would like to welcome all new members to our CRCTVN Society; the monthly newsletter gives members and supporters the summary of CRCTVN activities in the previous month. The following is the summary of CRCTVN activities in the month of April 2002:

CRCTVN 2002 Conference – Exactly 36 Days Away

Our Society and the Tri' Viet project had attracted the attention of **Dr. Doan Lien Phung** (Phu'ng Lie^n Ddoa'n), a successful multi-millionaire business man in the US who had been sponsoring and actively participating in many education projects for the better of Vietnamese people. We look forward to meeting Dr. Phung's at the conference and hear his vision about the VN21 Education project and how the two groups can complement each other.

Dr. Phung had been featured in "Ve? Vang Da^n Vie^t", his abbreviated biography is as follows:

- Doan Phung, born 1940; BA, physics & math, 1961 (Florida State); MS, physics & nuclear engineering, 1963(MIT); PhD, nuclear engineering, 1972, MIT.
- Nuclear engineer, Vietnam, 1964-1967; US, 1967-1975; consultant to USAEC, 1972-1973; Chief Scientist, Oak Ridge Associated Universities, 1975-1983; President, PAI (paicorp.com), 1983-present.
- Worked with Aide a l'Enfance du Vietnam, Vietnamese American Scholarship Fund, and Fund for the Encouragement of Self-Reliance, and Project VN21.

Please send in your conference registration soon, we look forward to seeing you at the conference.

Informing the Vietnamese People About CRCTVN Progress

Up to now, the email programming team had successfully written programs to extract email addresses systematically from Yahoo, BigFoot, and Switchboard engines. So far, we collected and mailed out 86,130 emails, out of these 45,166 emails were rejected due to email addresses no longer in services. The net result, our messages reached approximately 40,964 Vietnamese oversea. We observed that BigFoot and Switchboard contain a lot of no longer in service email addresses. In addition, we mailed out (using Canada Post) approximately 100 CRCTVN introduction letters to Vietnamese oversea news media and non-profit organizations. Out of these, we got about 40 "No Forwarding Address - Return to sender", so we effectively reached about 60 Vietnamese oversea organizations.

To collect more emails, the technical team had created new creative applications that can determine if an email address belongs to a Vietnamese person. Hopefully these new set of applications will allow us to collect more email addresses.

We also thought of a new way for all members to participate in informing the Vietnamese communities around the world about CRCTVN and the Tri' Viet project. We will email the "CRCTVN Introduction Letter" to all members, and members can help by sending (either by post office or email) this letter directly to all Vietnamese news media (local and non-local) they can find.

CRCTVN Forum Server is up

Thanks to Thai Nguyen (in the Technical team) for hosting the CRCTVN forum (FYI - we do not want to use either MSN or Yahoo forum services since we don't want members to be forced into watching advertising all the times). The forum will be the place for members to brainstorm (view and discuss others' input, make recommendations, etc.) on topics. Initially we have two important topics, which we invite you all especially those who are in the Technical/Web team to participate actively in:

- Co-Creating The Tri' Viet Functional Specifications
This specification is also known as the User Requirements document, it contains description of all features and
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services Tri' Viet website should provide to end users. We hope to have the specifications completed before the end of this year (December 2002).

- **What Web Development Tools We Should Use to Build Tri' Viet**

Exploring and discussing pros / cons on web development tools, and to determine what tools are best for our needs in developing and maintaining Tri' Viet. Some of our concerns are: we don't have money to purchase software license or maintenance fee however creating the website from scratch could take a long time; not all members know the same leading web development framework; etc.

Within the next two weeks, we will update both the CRCTVN website and the forum to contain more information about these topics. We will send you an update regarding this topic later. At the meantime, you can take a quick look at the under-construction forum at <http://nguyendomain.com/forums>

NetMeeting Does Not Support Multi-User Audio Conference Call

After many painful and failed attempts to configure NetMeeting to support multi-user (trial of 3 callers) audio conference call, we will stop pursuing NetMeeting for CRCTVN conference calls. Hopefully, Microsoft will improve the products and will attempt it again next year. In the meantime, we will refocus on using Chat services for multi-user live discussion.

We look forward to seeing you all at the conference.

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