

Introducing IUJ Alumni from Vietnam: Showcasing some talented alumni

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*What IUJ means to me: an enjoyable
journey in every aspects*



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Investment Analyst, Investment Division,
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MA, International Development
Team Lead
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Vice Chairwoman
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Mr. Tran Van Thong,
Class of 2010
MA, International Development
Chief, Representative Office,
Bac Giang Industrial Zones
Administration Committee



Mr. Quang Trung Pham
Class of 2004
MA, International Development
Vietnam Country Manager,
Global Coffee Platform





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Third Secretary,
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Class of 2006
MA. International Development
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Mr. Quang Trung Pham Vietnam Country Manager, Global Coffee Platform



Class of 2004

MA in International Development

Thesis: *Evaluation of the effects of import tariff reduction and world export price increase in the integration of Vietnam using a CGE model*

“IUJ was the very firm step that enabled me to walk over the mountains and fly into the big world”

What are you doing now?

I develop GCP national and regional strategies, operational and budget plans, and lead the implementation of Vietnam country plan, especially on the improvement of the national platform. I work to establish, maintain and intensify strategic relationships with public and private partners for joint activities and partnership. I also represent GCP at various events to enhance internal and external communication.

What inspired you to choose IUJ?

I had the strong desire to experience real international environments and broaden my knowledge in macroeconomics and development economics as well as management and quantitative analysis. IUJ with its strong development program, and with over 50 countries around the world was the right place to give me a chance to study and live in a multi-national environment. Exchanging experiences and cultures not only fosters mutual understanding, enriches my perception but also reinforces my flexibility to work in sensitive situations with people of different cultural and religious backgrounds.

How did the IUJ experience support your career?

I graduated from IUJ with solid knowledge of socio-economic development, problem solving and model analysis, intensive skills in research and planning and invaluable experience of multi-national environment. I have a new global perspective and advanced analytical skills, inter-personal, communication and teamwork skills which enable me to learn how to be well organized, how to keep up with tight schedules and how to implement plans in the most effective ways.



GCP Team Meeting (Right front)



An MoU ceremony with the National Agricultural Extension Centre (NAEC)

**Mr. Tran Van Thong,
Chief, Representative Office,
Bac Giang Industrial Zones
Administration Committee**



Class of 2010
Degree MA, International Development
Thesis: *The impact foreign direct investment (FDI) on growth of the domestic labor market in Vietnam*"

“IUJ is: International community, international Knowledge, and International network.”

What are you doing now?

As Chief Representative, my main responsibilities are to support and encourage investors to invest in the Bac Giang region. My team then helps them in terms of understanding policies, dealing with legal issues, convey their requests to the relevant agencies and find workable resolutions. We ensure they can operate effectively and smoothly in my homeland, for mutual gain.

What inspired you to choose IUJ?

I was looking for a program where I could learn about the interests and needs of the world business community and investment project interests from places like ADB, World Bank, etc. In tandem I wanted to increase my understanding of sustainable development and practical economic and policy issues to advance my career in investments in Vietnam. IUJ met these needs

How did the IUJ experience support your career?

IUJ has a very large international network and with the assistance from campus, we are able to not only stay in touch, but network with other professionals from different classes and different areas in the region.. IN my line of work this is valuable. I have the knowledge and network I need to help my country.



Reuniting with Classmates



Enjoying IUJ graduation day with life-long friends

Ms. Dinh Le Quan, UNDP staff for Peacekeeping and Women Empowerment



Class of 2011
Degree MA, International Development
*Thesis: Determinants of Macro Growth
Performance of Vietnam in the Context of
Foreign Direct Investment: An
Econometric Analysis*

***“IUJ: An international academic cradle
to nurture my career aspiration”***

What are you doing now?

I worked for UNDP Viet Nam from 2018 to 2021. From Sept 2020, I was promoted to be Programme Analyst of Mine Action, Peacekeeping and Women Empowerment. I am now preparing for my next challenge to support Vietnam’s further development

What inspired you to choose IUJ?

IUJ is the special academic institution in Japan dedicated to offering only graduate programmes, so we had the full attention of our faculty. In addition, IUJ - “where the world gathers” motivated me to pursue the Master’s degree here to exchange with friends around the globe.

How did the IUJ experience support your career?

The diversified experience gained in IUJ, both in academic and global networking, has been a great support for my professional development in the development sector. After IUJ, I was ready to perform well in various roles in prestigious international organizations like GIZ and UNDP.



Participating in a Mine Action field mission at the border (right)



Accompanied UNDP Resident Representative to a high-level meeting with the National Assembly (left, blue)



Ms. Le, Danh Thi My

PhD Candidate, University of Waikato, Department of Political and Social Science



Class of 2015
MA, International Relations
Thesis: The Role of Media Diplomacy in the Senkaku/Diaoyu Island Issue

“What I discovered at IUJ is that, as John Deweyo put, “Education is not preparation for life; education is life itself.””

What are you doing now?

With much support from professor Naoko Kumagai and professor Noboru Yamaguchi, I was granted a Doctoral scholarship from the University of Waikato, Department of Political and Social Sciences (2017-2021). Currently, I am waiting for an oral defense for my Ph.D. thesis. I will soon start my post-doc career as a **full-time lecturer of Media and Communication at the FPT University.**

What inspired you to choose IUJ?

I knew about IUJ from my teacher and my sister. Through their stories about IUJ, regarding IUJ staff, lectures, and Japanese people from UMEX, security guards, I wished I could be there since I was a third-year student. Until now, IUJ in my opinion is professional, friendly, and kind. I chose IUJ since I believe that IUJ reflects the spirits of Japan and international communities.



How did the IUJ experience support your career?

IUJ provided me with a strong background for my future. I learned not only knowledge of my major, which is IR, but also significant skills for my Ph.D. study, especially critical thinking skills. From IUJ-ers, I learned their kindness, good heartedness, and honesty.



Studying on the IUJ Campus under the Cherry Trees



Visiting the Louvre while on exchange fall term of the 2nd year at IUJ

Ms. Phan Thi Thu Lan,
Project/Program Officer,
VietHealth (forthcoming)



Class of 2016
Degree MA in Public Management
Thesis: Does Health Insurance Matter for Better Treatment? Evidence from a Public Hospital in Vietnam

“IUJ helped me to become more mature and strengthened my passion for life.”

What are you doing now?

I work to implement development projects in health sector in Vietnam. With 13 year working experience in a leading public hospital in Hanoi (Viet Duc University Hospital), I contributed to the hospital’s development and now I am changing to a NGO to work for a community health development.

What inspired you to choose IUJ?

An international environment is a great reason to choose IUJ because I can learn a lot from all IUJ professors, staff as well as friends. Some might ask if it is worth being located far from the city, and my answer is YES.

How did the IUJ experience support your career?

Lessons in development economics, health economics, public policy models... are great to encourage me to choose development projects to work for. I feel my life is more meaningful now because I can contribute to the implementation of such development projects.



Speaking at a Conference on Health Development issues



Contributing to discussions at an international seminar on Asian Health improvement measures.





What inspired you to choose IUJ?

IUJ is the real deal as an "international university" where you can study with many students from different countries around the world. IUJ receives significant support for many Japanese government scholarship sources, which attracts the best quality of masters candidate. These students bring a wide range of experiences and knowledge from politics to business to the campus

How did the IUJ experience support your career?

Firstly, I had a great teaching and studying experiences from IUJ lecturers, especially the case study method. It was fully exploited when my classmate was from different countries would proposed different point of views with different experiences. Secondly, IUJ has successfully integrated between university and local businesses, and they have students solve business problem which enhances the overall experience.



Receiving her IUJ Diploma June 2017



Lunch with IUJ Friends from Uzbekistan and The Ivory Coast

**Ms. Vo Hien Chau Nguyen,
Lecturer, Faculty of Business,
International University, VNU**



MBA Class of 2017

Thesis: *Corporate Strategies for
Geographical Expansion: The case of
Coconut Industry in Vietnam*

***“IUJ helped me understand the quote by
Juan Pablo Galavis - Different people have
different opinions, and it's okay to respect
all of them.*”**

What are you doing now?

I have been working as a lecturer ever since I graduated from IUJ. I am teaching Business Strategy, Entrepreneurship and Small Business Management, Principles of Management, and Introduction to Business Administration, at International University, which belongs to Vietnam National Universities.

Ms. Le Thi Hanh, Department of Foreign Affairs, Hai Phong City, Officer



Class of 2018
MA, Public Management and Policy
Thesis: *A Comparative Study On
Corruption and Corruption Control in
the Public Sector between Singapore
and Viet Nam*

***“If it were to be at all possible, I wish for
another 18 months of studying at IUJ.”***

What inspired you to choose IUJ?

The white snow with gorgeous scenery of mountains made me curious about the nature-friendly life of Minami Uonuma city. The school has modern studying equipment, responsible professors and an excellent admission team willing to support students when they need to.



How did the IUJ experience support your career?

The IUJ experience brought me the spirit of team work, self-responsibility, and dare to think differently. Cultural experience was valuable for me to be grateful for, as it built up a thought of mutual understanding across language barriers.

What are you doing now?

I promote cooperation with public foreign partners, and indirectly facilitating the private sector to expand their business on domestically and overseas



*Meeting with the Finnish Ambassador,
and representatives of Wartsila, TRIO,
Econet and WSP*



*Supporting a meeting with the
Ambassador from Bulgaria*

Mr. Dinh Ngoc Lam Dien Deputy Chief, School and Children Section, Da Nang Youth Union, City of Da Nang



MBA Class of 2020
Research: *Startups at Danang Business
Incubator in Vietnam: Reasons for their
Failures*

"IUJ is the best memory of my life."

What are you doing now?

I am a government officer working for the Ho Chi Minh Communist Youth Union of Vietnam in Da Nang city. I am in charge of monitoring and organizing students activities and events for all universities and colleges in Da Nang.

What inspired you to choose IUJ?

After researching programs in Asia, I chose IUJ because it is the best university in Japan that offers MBA programs.

How did the IUJ experience support your career?

My time at IUJ really broadens my perspective and helps me feel more confident. The academic challenges were numerous and I am proud that I overcame all of them. I also made a lot of friends and meaningful relationships.



Presenting awards to the Youth of Da Nang city



Organizing interviews with successful startups in Danang city



Ms. Vu Thu Trang, Ministry of Finance, Department of Debut Management and External Finance



MBA Class of 2020

Thesis: *Foreign Aid Loans and
Economic Growth in Vietnam*

“IUJ gave me not only skills for global finance, but soft skills of international communications to help me be a more confident professional on the world stage.”

What are you doing now?

I am currently responsible for Japan Affairs such as debt payments and Japanese organization loan disbursements. I also deal with ODA for some ministries in Vietnam, write loan synthesis reports and conduct various research as requested by the MoF General Director.

What inspired you to choose IUJ?

IUJ’s MBA program uses the US-style of business school education and is well ranked and accredited in the world – plus right here in Asia. The campus is located in a fresh and peaceful environment in Japan and I could really connect with the international and local communities.

How did the IUJ experience support your career?

My English skills have improved immensely thanks to the IUJ teaching and campus environment being all in English. Not only English language, but I became more competent in international communication skills. When I recently joined a meeting with IMF professionals, I felt very confident in front on the specialists. Other soft skills I gained that really help my busy schedule are time management skills, project planning skills and, office-place work harmony creation – all thanks to the MBA experience at IUJ.



Showing off her IUJ MBA Diploma



Joining her Vietnamese Classmates for a Photo Opp

Ms. “Lisa” Nguyen Thi Thu Nghia, recent graduate



Class of 2021
MA, Economics

Thesis: *How do Social Enterprises Impact on the Labor Market Outcomes? Evidence from a Policy Implementation in Vietnam*

“IUJ: where I found human-connections I will value for a life-time.”

What are you doing now?

I am current targeting companies are international development consulting firms, particularly in social and community development to begin my career.

What inspired you to choose IUJ?

IUJ was my first choice because it offered a variety of scholarships. Next was its unique location in Minami Unuma, which is famous for its mountainous view and local specialty including beauty in 4 seasons, rice, snow which I can't find anywhere else in Japan. Also, its reputation for the development program was attractive to me as I am planning a career in social development.

How will the IUJ experience support your career?

When I worked on my master thesis, I could strongly develop my research skills and analytical thinking. One of my big achievements is that my master these have been revised and published in Sustainability, Q1 ranking journal as per Scopus. This real achievement is a huge surplus for my career in research.



Participating in the Hult Prize competition on campus



Receiving an award for leadership and achievements from the Dean of GSIR





Ms. Bui Hau

Officer in Charge, Center for Quality Assurance, Vietnam National University of Agriculture



Class of 2021
MA in Public Management
Thesis: *Education and Domestic Violence Against Children in Vietnam*

“IUJ = Inspiration + Uniqueness + Joy”

What are you doing now?

I am responsible for educational program quality assurance and quality accreditation activities such as developing documentation system inclusive of policies, regulations, procedures in the field of educational quality assurance and quality accreditation according to AUN-QA

What inspired you to choose IUJ?

Studying in IUJ is the best choice for exchanging culture between nations over the world as well as enhancing the knowledge from awesome lecturers.

How did the IUJ experience support your career?

Things gained from IUJ support me a lot in my career, giving me the solid skills needed to deal with all of the tough tasks. Specifically, I enhanced my leadership, group work, communication and critical thinking skills.





What inspired you to choose IUJ?

Multinational factor. When I searched to pick one university up from the JDS scholarship brochure, I was impressed by the name “International University of Japan”. I deeply explore the website and read about faculty members: they were displayed in my mind with great profiles. So, IUJ means *international* literally in all things: curriculum, professors, and students. By the way, it is quite funny to say but I improved my knowledge of world geography a lot from attending IUJ.

How did the IUJ experience support your career?

IUJ is helping me so much in my career. It is undeniable that my English is much better than before even though I studied in a non-English speaking country. The work and cooperation on international teams increased my communication confidence. I learned from my supervisor Prof. Jinnai the way of self-study, self-research, self-question making, and independent problem solving. I think this is considered one of the most crucial elements for a good leader.



**Ms. Phan Viet Ha,
Officer for Communication and
International Cooperation, Organization
and Administration College of
Agricultural Mechanics, Ministry of
Agriculture and rural development**



Class of 2021
Degree MA in Public Management
Thesis: The impact of the Yutori education reform on earnings in Japan

“IUJ is not only the place for researching and learning, but also for discovering your potential.”

What are you doing now?

As a Communications Officer at the College, my main duties involve PR, communication, and monitoring all the international cooperation activities of the college.