

# NEWSLETTER

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**CIERs**  
DO,  
LEARN  
and GROW



## MESSAGE FROM THE EDITORIAL BOARD

Welcome to the second edition of CIE  
E-Newsletter!

It is said that college life reflects the best years  
of our life, which once gone, will never come  
back. This edition gives you a picture of CIEs'  
fulfilling and exciting student life. By becoming  
actively involved in academic and  
extra-curricular activities, CIEs, the students  
of CIE, definitely stand out from others with  
**C**reativity, **I**ncisiveness, **E**nergy and **R**eliability.

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## HIGHLIGHT: CIE YOUTH BOARD (2011-2012)

On 23 April 2011, CIE Youth Union Congress was held on campus to review the past year's activities, elect the new Executive Board and agree on the 2011 action plan. The Executive Board (2011-2012) includes 7 CIERs as follows:

1. **Tran Ha Nguyen**, Secretary
2. **Nguyen Huu Hau**, Vice Secretary
3. **Tran Thi Hang Nga**, Vice Secretary
4. **Nguyen Thi Quynh Trang**, Executive (Academics)
5. **Nguyen Thi Minh Huong**, Executive (Extracurricular activities)
6. **Nguyen Ngoc Tram**, Executive (Communication)
7. **Duong Thu Loi**, Executive (Finance & External Relations)



It is hoped that the Executive Board, with their strong dedication and effort, will contribute to create an exciting educational environment for all CIERs.



*From left to right:  
Hau, Huong, Tram, Nga, Dr. Duoc, Trang, Loi & Nguyen*

# CIERs: DO, LEARN AND GROW

Exposure to a wide range of extracurricular activities is undoubtedly one of the most exciting experiences of university life. A healthy balance between educational and other activities will help the students develop into well-rounded individuals. Let's see how CIERs benefit from doing extracurricular activities.

## GETTING INVOLVED, LEARNING MORE

During the last four months, CIERs actively participated in various student activities organized by the Vietnam National University - Ho Chi Minh City. Through these events, CIERs were able to gain more confidence, improve communication skills, foster teamwork and expand networking.

### ► GLOBAL ME: CONTEST OF ELOQUENCE

The contest was organized by VNU-HCM from 15 April to 14 May 2011. With the topic "Vietnamese Youths in the raise of Global Citizenships", it gave a good chance for CIERs to develop their English, especially in presentation and debate skills and to raise an awareness of world issues.

CIE representatives namely Global Agents included:

- **Huynh Do Hieu Hanh**, UCP 9
- **Le Ngoc Truc Linh**, UCP 9
- **Vo Le Kim Ngan**, UCP 9
- **Le Hai Hoang**, UCP 10
- **Nguyen Ngoc Tram**, UCP 10



Successfully passing the first round with high voting rate, the team went through into a tough semi final round and left a good impression among the audience with their thoughtful presentation and incisive arguments. Overall, they were placed among Top 11 teams.

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## ▶ MISS VNU-HCM

Charm, wit and elegance – these are the expected traits of VNU-HCM female students under the Miss VNU-HCM Pageant. And one CIER, Ms. Tran Nhat Hoang Yen won the title “The Most Voted Contestant”. Congratulations Yen and other participants! All of you are the pride of CIE.



*Tran Nhat Hoang Yen (second from the left)*

## ▶ SPORTS COMPETITION

From 6 to 20 May 2011, CIERs entered the Sports Competition organized by VNU-HCM. The football and badminton teams spent a lot of time to practice for the contest, through which friendship was constantly fostered. The full participation of the players and the whole-hearted supports of CIE citizens



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## BALANCING LIFE - MODERN DANCE CLUB

A healthy body eventually leads to a healthy mind. With that belief, CIE Youth Board proposed to run the Modern Dance Club and received the full support of the Board of Directors.

In June, the Club has been officially open for all CIERs with or without dance experience but has an interest and passion for dancing. "Under the instruction of young and professional modern dancers, the Club will offer the participants a chance to learn dancing, improve health and interact with their peers in a highly interesting atmosphere", said Tran Ha Nguyen, Youth Board Secretary.



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## WARM UP PICNIC

On 21 August 2011, the Summer Warm-up Picnic at Golden Scorpion Tourism Site offered a wonderful opportunity for CIERs to get together and enhance team-building. The battle game, boat race, swim competition and barbecue contest really made the day.



The climax of the event was the unique “Beauty Contest” among mermaids and mermen. For the first time in history, the mermaids were so handsome, and the mermen were so beautiful. The creativity of all participants was awesome!



The picnic ended in the rain, but nice memories will never be washed away.



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## LEADING LIFE

### ► “YOUTH, LOVE & SEX” SEMINAR

On 11 June, a large group of CIERs attended the workshop on “Youth, Love and Sex” presented by Ms. Phoenix Ho, Master of Counseling from Santa Clara University (USA). During the event, the young students could learn and share about

- The truth of love and sex;
- How to develop a healthy and long lasting relationship; and
- How to live a life without hurts and regrets

In a warm, open and trusting atmosphere, CIERs honestly shared their stories...

and expressed themselves through funny drawings.

“How relaxing, interesting and beneficial the workshop was! I did not imagine that we could have open discussions on such a topic. I learnt a lot and will treasure every relationship I have in my life”, told a participant.



### ► “BE AN EXCELLENT EVENT LEADER” WORKSHOP

Taking place on 12 August 2011, the workshop “Be an Excellent Event Leader” brought various useful knowledge for CIERs about event organization and public speaking. Through vivid talks of two guest speakers: MC Hoang Phi and Mr. Tran Dinh Du (lecturer at Ly Tu Trong Youth Union School), all participants learnt how to make a successful oral presentation as well as important factors in organizing an event. More interestingly, after the workshop, they had the chance to apply what they learnt by holding the Summer Warm-Up Picnic which took place one week later.



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## ► GUIDED TOUR TO INTEL CO.

With the assistance from Ms. Lien Nguyen, an alumna of CIE, the tour to Intel Co. was successfully conducted, enabling the participants to understand more about the operation of a multi-national corporate. A tour around Intel factory revealed a very interesting fact: the number of male and female employees here is equal thanks to its gender equality policy. The interview with the HR Manager of Intel Co. also help CIERs to learn about employment trends, international working environment and employers' expectations towards the youth.



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## SHARING HANDS

**A sorrow shared is a sorrow halved.  
-William Shakespeare-**

Aware of that, more than 50 CIERs paid a visit to Thien Phuoc Orphanage (Cu Chi) in early July to give donations (valued up VND 10 million) and play with disadvantaged children. Community engagement is an important factor to become a good citizen in society. CIERs, let our life be filled with love and laughter!



## WELCOME WEEK

In early September, more than 120 incoming students attended the Welcome Week organized by CIE. The event began with a vivid briefing about the economics, politics and society of Vietnam delivered by Colonel Nguyen Nhut. After that, all participants were guided to the War Remnants Museum and Nha Rong House, which further enhanced their patriotism and the appreciation of peace today. The seminar “Effective Public Speaking” conducted by Mr. Tran Truong Quang from Ho Chi Minh City Youth House was really informative and exciting. All participants were provided with useful tips on how to deliver a speech effectively and with confidence. Moreover, during the event, CIERs had the chance to discuss and express their opinions on how to develop inspiring student activities. The mini contest “CIE Arena” with challenging questions about VNU-HCM, CIE and general knowledge attracted full participation of all CIERs. Congratulations Nguyen Kim Hong, the contest winner!

This year, the Welcome Week became more significant when CIERs successfully organized the “Mid-Autumn Celebration” for over 400 economically-disadvantaged children in Binh Thanh District. Professional music performances, funny group games and thoughtful gifts prepared by CIERs really brought



great happiness to the children, which in turn taught them the lesson of love.

Welcome all again! Wishing you enjoyable moments at CIE community!



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## SPRING SEMESTER 2011 EAP PROGRAM

### THE BEST STUDENT

01	Hua My Linh	EAP 4
02	Truong Quoc Tu	EAP 4
03	Vu Ngoc Thao Vy	EAP 3
04	Nguyen Thi Bich Thu	EAP 2

### THE MOST IMPROVED STUDENT

01	Nguyen Tan Sang	EAP 4
02	Tran Nhat Minh	EAP 4
03	Van Vo Y Nhi	EAP 3
04	Nguyen Hong Diem	EAP 2

## DO YOU KNOW?

### Study in USA & Standardized Tests

In order to study in the United States, students are required to take standardized tests such as the TOEFL, SAT I, SAT II Subject Tests, ACT, GRE, GMAT, and others.

Most short-term programs will require some proof of English language proficiency. Students may be asked to submit scores from an internationally recognized English language assessment test, usually the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) and International English Language Testing System (IELTS). Students can also take the Pearson Test of English (PTE) Academic, a computer-based English proficiency test which delivers real-life measures of test takers' language ability.

For undergraduate programs, additional tests may include the Scholastic Assessment Test (SAT) Reasoning Test and/or Subject Tests, or the ACT. Graduate student applicants interested in short-term university study may be asked to submit scores for the Graduate Record Exam (GRE), General and/or Subject Test.

Professional short-term programs may require applicants to take a standardized test such as the General or Subject Test of the Graduate Record Exam (GRE), the Graduate Management Admission Test (GMAT), Medical College Admission Test (MCAT), the Optometry Admission Test (OAT), the Dental Admissions Test (DAT), or the Law School Admission Test (LSAT).

(Source: Education USA)

## CROSSWORD

### Theme "CIERs & YOUTH MOVEMENT"

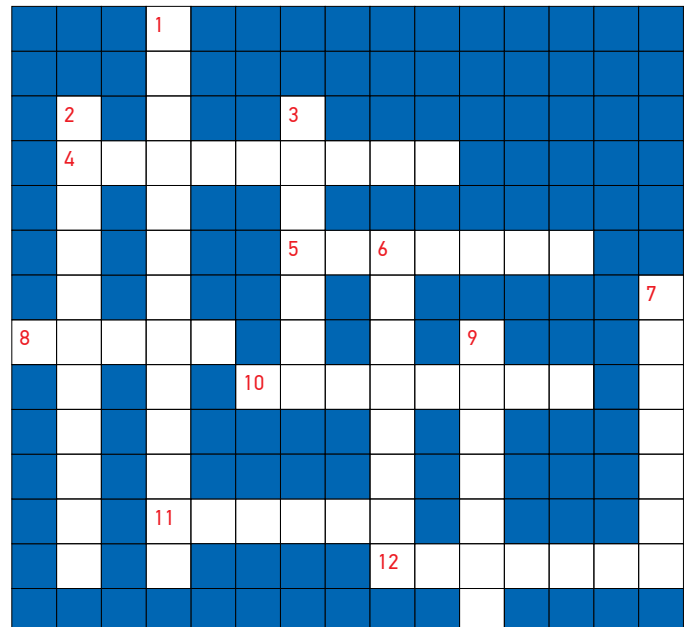
Attractive gifts for the first 5 respondents via email ([tuyentran@cie.edu.vn](mailto:tuyentran@cie.edu.vn)).

### DOWN

1. Connected with or involving more than two countries
2. The gradual growth of something
3. An informal addressing term to people when they arrive in your place
6. A person who teaches or does research at a college or university
7. An advantage that something gives you
9. You live in a tent when you're on holiday / vacation

### CROSS

4. Having a lot of energy and enthusiasm on doing something
5. An activity/ organization giving money, food, help, etc. to unlucky or homeless people
8. The state of being young
10. Advice or criticism you give on somebody's work
11. The former students of a college or university
12. A competition in which people try to win something





# CONVOCATION

2011-2012

This year's Convocation ceremony is scheduled to take place on Saturday, 1 October in order to welcome incoming students and celebrate the new academic year. The event will host new students of all CIE programs, faculty and especially welcome the presence of VNU-HCM Presidential Board as well as our partner's representatives. It is hoped that the Convocation will mark the start of a rewarding experience for all CIERs. More details will follow.

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