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Dear colleagues,

**Subject: Invitation to "The 1st International Students Science Forum 2016"
in Ho Chi Minh City, Viet Nam**

On behalf of the Organizing Committee, we are pleased to announce The 1st International Students Science Forum 2016 (ISSF) will be organized for undergraduate students from ASEAN+3 countries hosted by Ho Chi Minh City Vietnamese Students' Association and Viet Nam National University Ho Chi Minh City.

The 1st International Students Science Forum 2016 with the theme "Student Integration" is organized to practically celebrate the ASEAN Community which was established in 2015. It will provide opportunities for exchanging and learning academic knowledge, sharing creativity and strengthening the solidarity among students in ASEAN and other countries in the region including Japan, Korea and China.

1. Time: 09 – 13 March 2016, Ho Chi Minh City, Viet Nam

2. Program summery:

- Plenary session: students will listen and share opinions on presentations by leading scientists reporting on the basic science and application, environmental science and climate change, as well as start-up issues.
- 4 panels:
 - o Topic 1: Students' creativeness and scientific research

- Topic 2: Students' voluntary activities
- Topic 3: Students' start-up and employment
- Topic 4: Climate change and environment protection
- Panel discussion after the presentation at each panel
- Cultural excursions: visit the key laboratories, science and technology centers and historic sites in Ho Chi Minh City
- Exchange program with students from many universities in Ho Chi Minh City
- Closing ceremony and farewell party of the forum

3. Eligibility

- Must be a citizen of an ASEAN+3 country (China, Japan, Korea);
- Must be enrolling at ASEAN+3 universities, sophomore and junior students are preferred;
- Possess good capability of group working;
- Must be in good health conditions;
- Must demonstrate good English proficiency;
- Must be oblige to the forum's schedule during 09 – 13 March, 2016

4. Presentation Submission

Upon the requirements of the forum, the Organizing Committee cordially invites students from ASEAN+3 universities to participate as the forum's official delegates and submit papers based on the topics of this forum.

Each participant must complete the registration form, select an appropriate topic and submit the paper to the Organizing Committee based on one of the four topics. Only outstanding ones will be given 10 minutes to present at the forum. Following the participants' presentations, a discussion section will take place for related issues.

5. Format of Presentation and Deadline for Submission

The papers must adhere to one of the four topics and include the following sections: Introduction, Body, Conclusion, References. Topic's name, student's full name and name of the university must be indicated on top of the paper. Make sure to use Unikey engine, font Times New Roman with font size 13pt and should not exceed 10 pages in length.

Applicants are required to submit their papers to the Organizing Committee via **email: issf@vnuhcm.edu.vn, Cc: ntthao@vnuhcm.edu.vn, with the title name: Essay of ISSF_Topic<number>_<NameofParticipant>_<Country> by 15 February, 2016.**

6. Participation costs

The forum will cover the expenses for accommodation, meals and local transportations in Ho Chi Minh City for all delegates. The round-trip ticket, visa fee, travel insurance and

other personal expenses shall be borne by the participants. Any officers, lectures who wish to come with the students are also very much welcomed to the forum but have to bear all the expenses.

We highly appreciate your kind cooperation in disseminating this information to your students and please **nominate 05 students (in priority order)** with the completed registration forms, papers and scans of passports (page which includes the personal details and photograph) to the Organizing Committee **by 15 February, 2016**. For further information, please do not hesitate to reach Ms. Nguyen Thi Thanh Thao at Tel: 84 8 3 7242160 (ext 1452), Fax: 84 8 3 7242198 or email: nttthao@vnhcm.edu.vn.

We look forward to your support, participation and contribution in ISSF 2016.

Yours sincerely,



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