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Welcome

TO THE FIRST ISSUE!

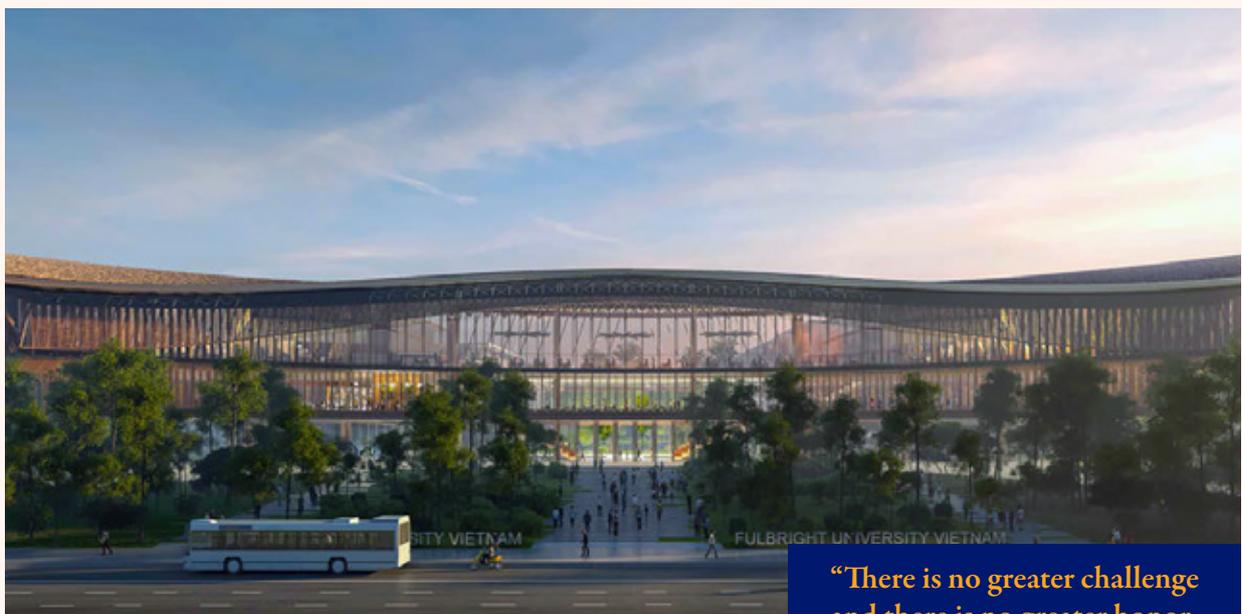
We are very pleased to share the first issue of our quarterly newsletter, and hope that you will enjoy this new way to keep you informed of wonderful things happening in the Fulbright School of Public Policy and Management (FSPPM).

Each issue will be packed with features and news about education, research and public service at FSPPM. There will be also announcements of upcoming events for students, faculty and friends.

Feel free to forward the newsletter to friends or colleagues, and if you want to stop receiving it at any point, just let us know. Moreover, we would love to hear your feedback to improve the content and design. Please email us at info.fsppm@fulbright.edu.vn.

Thank you for spending your precious time reading our newsletter.

Editorial Board



**“There is no greater challenge
and there is no greater honor
than to be in public service”**

- Condoleezza Rice -

Highlights

FSPPM Accredited by NASPAA

On July 26, FSPPM received accreditation from the Network of Schools of Public Policy, Affairs and Administration (NASPAA), becoming the first public policy school in the Southeast Asia accredited by NASPAA. The period of accreditation is 07 years, which is the highest possible outcome that one can expect.



FSPPM Wins A Grant From Vingroup Innovation Foundation

The project Toward a Big Urban Data Facility - Computational Investigation of the Connectivity, Resilience and Demand of the Bus Network in Ho Chi Minh City won US\$ 325,000 grant from the Vingroup Innovation Foundation. Starting since September 2019, it aims at providing a comprehensive evaluation of the city bus service performance; improving connectivity, reliability and resilience of the bus network; and quantifying mobility patterns across the city.



COHORT 2019 CELEBRATES COMMENCEMENT



FSPPM celebrated the graduates of the Class 2019 (MPP2019) during the Commencement Ceremony on 17 August 2019. This year, the School awarded 34 MPP degrees, out of which 3 graduates received the Best Thesis Award.

The event welcomed the attendance of **Mr. Bui Quang Vinh**, Advisor to Prime Minister and Former Minister of Planning & Investment; **Mr. Timothy Liston**, Acting Consul General of the USA in Ho Chi Minh City; **Madam Dam Bich Thuy**, FUV President, and **Dr. Ryan Derby-Talbot**, FUV Chief Academic Officer.



“We must dare to think about ‘unthinkable things’ because when things become unthinkable, thinking stops and action becomes mindless”

Senator
James William Fulbright

News & Updates

Experience Harvard

In Summer 2019, the course Firms, Markets and Economic Development in East Asia was delivered for the first time in the Harvard Kennedy School only for FSPPM students and alumni. This new initiative aimed to provide the participants with the opportunity to obtain technical skills, build strong conceptual foundation, and engage in policy discussion with Harvard professors on the economic issues confronting Vietnam and South East Asia region.



Outreach

Various initiatives funded by local authorities and organizations have been implemented by the FSPPM Outreach team.

- Project *Enhancing the competitiveness of Thai Nguyen province and the role of Samsung* granted by Thai Nguyen Provincial People's Committee.
- Project *Restructuring the Economic of An Giang Province: Creating a Break-through towards the Sustainable Economic Development* funded by An Giang Provincial People's Committee.
- Project *Developing Ho Chi Minh City into an International Financial Center* funded by Ho Chi Minh City Finance and Investment State-Owned Company (HFIC).
- Project *Toward a Big Urban Data Facility - Computational Investigation of the Connectivity, Resilience and Demand of The Bus Network In Ho Chi Minh City* granted by Vingroup Innovation Foundation.



Research

Over the last quarter, the faculty has actively engaged in research and scholarly activity that has an impact nationally as well as regionally.

- Project *Energy Demand and Factor Substitution in Vietnam: Evidence from Two Recent Enterprise Surveys* by **Dr. Le Viet Phu**.
- Project *Power Development Primer: Modeling, Applications, and Communications, Demand-driven Technical Assistance Facility (Sub-component 1B) of the EU-Vietnam Energy Facility* by **Dr. Le Viet Phu**.
- The co-authored book chapter *Development of Information Communication Technology Industry and Public Policy in South Korea* by **Dr. Yooil Bae** (published in 2020).
- The co-authored book *Multilevel Democracy: How Local Institutions and Civil Society Shape the Modern State* by **Dr. Yooil Bae** (published in 2020)

Conferences And Seminars

The faculty at FSPPM actively attended in various conferences and seminars:

- Mr. Nguyen Xuan Thanh presenting an economic briefing to the Swiss delegates led by Federal Councilor Guy Parmelin, Head, Swiss Federal Department of Economics Affairs, Education and Research.
- Mr. Nguyen Xuan Thanh delivering a presentation on the global and Vietnam's economy in a conference held by the National Assembly.
- Prof. Pham Duy Nghia engaging in a discussion about the draft law on Public-Private Partnership in a conference organized by the Vietnam Chamber of Commerce & Industry.
- Dr. Le Viet Phu taking part in the launch workshop of Vietnam Initiative for Energy Transition.
- Dr. Vu Thanh Tu Anh participating in the conference Vietnam Aspiration for Prosperity: Priorities & Actions co-organized by the World Bank and the Ministry of Planning & Investment as a Panel Chair.
- Mr. Do Thien Anh Tuan giving a presentation on the Industrial Revolution 4.0 & the Role of Local Governments in Economic Development.
- The inaugural research seminar on Economic Growth & Sustainable Development in Developing Countries co-organized by FSPPM and the Institute for Euro-African Studies at Hanyang University, Korea.



GUEST SPEAKERS ON CAMPUS

The faculty and students were honored to welcome the following guest speakers to FSPPM during Summer 2019: **Prof. David Dapice**, Chief Economist, Vietnam Program, Harvard Kennedy School; **Prof. Jin-Fu Chang**, former Minister of Taiwan Government & Governor of Taiwan Province; **Ms. Sandy Dang**, Executive Director, Vietnam Education Foundation; **Mr. Dang Quyet Tien**, General Director, Corporate Finance Department, Ministry of Finance; **Ms. Vu Quynh Le**, Deputy General Director, Public Procurement Agency, Ministry of Planning & Investment; and **Mr. Chau Ngo Anh Nhan**, Director, Khanh Hoa Development Project Management.

Upcoming Events

OCTOBER

MPP 2021 Inauguration

Inauguration ceremony and orientation for the Class of 2021 (MPP 2021)



OCTOBER

Multi-Dimensional Review of Vietnam

The conference Multi-Dimensional Review (MDR) of Vietnam, Phase 3 – From Analysis to Action co-organized by FSPPM and OECD



DECEMBER

Vietnam Executive Leadership Program (VELP) at Harvard

An annual forum for senior Vietnamese policy makers which is scheduled to take place in December 2019 at Harvard University





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