



Vietnamese Professor Tu Vu Ngoc (left) presents University Professor Robert Proudfoot with an education award from the Vietnamese Ministry of Education and Training on Friday in the Johnson Hall Conference Room.  
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# Professor receives medal

Robert Proudfoot is honored for contributions to the sister education program with University students in Vietnam

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University international studies Professor Robert Proudfoot was awarded a medal Friday from a country thousands of miles to the east.

The Vietnamese Ministry of Education and Training honored Proudfoot with the highly distinguished Medal for the Cause of Education for his effort to bridge a culture gap through higher education.

The honor "recognizes Professor Proudfoot — his outstanding contribution to the development of education in Vietnam, in particular in development of human resources and economy," said Dr. Tu Vu Ngoc of the Vietnam National University in Hanoi.

Proudfoot has spent more than a decade establishing the "Vietnam-University of Oregon Sister University Project" in which students and university officials from both countries travel for research and to study each other's cultures. Several exchanges have taken place since 1988, and the program has been praised by the University administration.

"We're very proud of his work and pleased that he's received this hon-

or," University Senior Vice President and Provost John Moseley said.

Vu Ngoc agreed. "The connection between the intellectuals of two countries could be the best bridge for the two governments," Vu Ngoc said.

Proudfoot said he was pleased to receive the medal, and the project would not have been successful without others.

"Nothing really happens without a team of people working together," he said.

The professor said the major accomplishments from the project include the various faculty exchange programs to train professors from both countries, the development of departmental and collaborative ties between disciplines, and the establishment of field schools for graduate students.

"Foundationally, very, very, strong ties (have resulted from the project)," he said.

Proudfoot's involvement in Vietnam began in 1987 under University President Paul Olum when the University sent delegations to form a bond between the two countries.

"Olum believed one of the better ways to create a peaceful and lasting relationship between us was the education process," Proudfoot said. "President (Dave) Myles Brand and President (Dave) Frohnmayer have encouraged and supported the development of

this long term friendship."

Between 1987 and 1990, Proudfoot made three or four trips to Vietnam and spoke with intellectuals, university officials and community organizations to lay the foundation for the sister-school program.

Through the program, the first post-Vietnam War delegation of Vietnamese university professors traveled to the United States for a conference in 1994.

Proudfoot said students participating in the exchange also have learned a lot.

Graduate Teaching Fellow Lorraine Brundige, who went to Vietnam, said American students were exposed to a Vietnam they did not know about.

"This is a world the books don't teach you about," Brundige said.

Vietnamese exchange student Tuan Vu Ngoc said he is privileged to study at the University and share his views with others.

"As a Vietnamese student studying at the University of Oregon, I want to show my perspective and opinion about the relationship between Vietnam and the United States," he said. "I want to contribute those experiences."

Proudfoot will be leading another delegation of University students and faculty to Vietnam for a three-month exchange in January.

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