



DIGITAL LIBRARIES IN VIETNAM: Projects, Issues and Concerns

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Digital Libraries in Vietnam

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Background

- Vietnamese Scholar Librarian Project
- Vietnamese Library Infrastructure
- Support for Libraries by Vietnamese Government, Cities and Universities



Issues

- Terminology
- Lack of Standards/ “Best Practices”
- Hardware
- Software
- Metadata/ Vietnamese language and diacritics
- Access
- Staff Training
- Cooperation/ Cooperative Projects



Projects

- National Library of Vietnam
- National Center for Scientific and Technological Information (NACESTI)
- Vietnam Academy of Social Sciences – Han Nom Institute
- Vietnam National University, Hanoi
- Hanoi Institute of Technology



Projects

- Hue University, Learning Resource Center
- Natural Sciences University, Library, Ho Chi Minh City
- General Sciences Library, Ho Chi Minh City (Public Library for City)



National Library of Vietnam

- Digitizing Abstracts of Thesis
- Issues
 - Copyright permission
 - Staffing



- Digitizing Technical Reports
- Issues
 - Quality of materials
 - Quality of Hardware
 - Access:
 - Available in PDF files internally
 - Searchability



Han-Nom Institute

- Digitize paper rubbings of Han Nom steeles
- Develop a strategic plan for a digital library to:
 - Serve as clearinghouse for all Han Nom resources
 - Provide access to Han Nom collections through an expanded union catalog
 - Provide bimonthly scholarly journal as a full-text electronic journal



Han-Nom Institute

- Issues and concerns
 - Quality
 - Metadata



Vietnam National University, Hanoi

- Digitizing Course Packs
- Planning for
 - Building fulltext databases of textbook sources (300 titles by 2006)
 - Building fulltext deabases of thesis and dissertations
- Issues
 - Copyright
 - Permission of a faculty for course packs



Hanoi University of Technology

- Building new library which is being considered an electronic library



- Proposal to digitize documents about the City of Hue



Natural Sciences University Library, Ho Ch Minh City

- Sponsored translation of the Greenstone Software into Vietnamese
- Digitize Library Activities Newsletter
- Digitize articles and materials for departments
- Issues and Concerns
 - Copyright



General Sciences Library of Ho Chi Minh City

- Digitized the SaiGon- HCMC collection (from book chapters, thesis, articles). Now called e-library of HCMC study collection accessible on OPAC via GSL's website and on CD and DVD.
- Includes over 35,000 files and over a half of those cataloged.



General Sciences Library of Ho Chi Minh City

- Digitize a collection of photographs of Ho Chi Minh City
- Project to digitize 300 titles from Indochine period with support of French Consulate
- Issues and Concerns
 - Quality
 - Copyright