



## PARTNERSHIP FOR THE GOALS

The Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), also known as the Global Goals, are a set of universal objectives aimed at eradicating poverty, protecting the planet, and promoting peace and prosperity for all people by 2030 in every United Nations (UN) member state. Sustainable development is a responsibility that falls on every sector of society worldwide. Achieving sustainable development requires strong connections not only between diverse goals, but also between educational institutions, government agencies, commercial enterprises, non-governmental organizations, and individuals. In this context, universities play a crucial role in facilitating progress towards the SDGs by engaging in collaborative efforts across a wide range of fields. Goal 17 of the United Nations promotes global partnerships and encourages countries to work together towards sustainable development. In line with this goal, DNC recognizes the interconnected nature of the Sustainable Development (SDGs) and the importance of multilateral cooperation. As a result, DNC has made efforts to contribute to solving global challenges by utilizing its existing expertise and human resources. In order to create a better environment, DNC understands the need for support, empathy, creativity, cooperation, and effort from both individuals and organizations. Through promoting knowledge exchange, building capacity, fostering innovation, and supporting sustainable development through education, DNC aims to strengthen multilateral diplomacy and international cooperation.

In 2023, DNC signed cooperation agreements with numerous partners from various countries. These partnerships involved working with non-governmental organizations to conduct scientific research on a variety of topics. These topics included producing electric vehicles for staff, lecturers, students, and people with disabilities, as well as functional foods to support the treatment of conditions such as high blood pressure, liver disease, and cardiovascular disease. Additionally, DNC worked on producing drinking water for staff, lecturers, and students, as well as recycling waste plastic into useful items and assessing pollution in domestic water sources and industrial wastewater. DNC also implemented several volunteer programs, which were open to participation from students, staff, and lecturers. These programs included the Green Summer Campaign, which aimed to support children with learning disabilities, as well as initiatives such as Spring of Love and Shelter of Love.

DNC has actively participated in developing policies and strategies for the government and local area. They have provided financial and human resources in important fields such as medicine, education, technology, environment, and culture. Additionally, the university places a strong emphasis on educating students and the community about sustainable development.

DNC has created a diverse curriculum that integrates sustainable development education into various subjects and training programs. The university also offers short-term courses, workshops, and seminars to promote the 17 Sustainable Development Goals to students, lecturers, staff, and the community, including local residents and people with disabilities.

## **JOIN IN RESPONDING TO WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY 2022**

On the morning of June 11, 2022, the Sub-department of Environmental Protection, Department of Natural Resources and Environment of Can Tho City organized a program titled "Responding to World Environment Day" in collaboration with the Faculty of Architecture, Construction, and Environment, Youth Union-Student Association of DNC.

The program, titled "For a Green Earth," involved exchanging waste for gifts. The event featured booths that displayed posters promoting the reduction of plastic waste and introducing environmentally friendly products. Additionally, physical games and quizzes were organized with prizes centered around the topic of environmental protection. Attendees were also able to exchange hazardous waste for gifts.



The program was attended by Mr. Luu Tan Tai - Deputy Head of the Sub- department of Environmental Protection of Can Tho City (3rd from left) and Dr. Trinh Hue, Vice Chairman of the University Council, Vice Rector of the DNC (2nd from left)

## ORGANIZE A FASHION CONTEST TO RECYCLE AND PROTECT THE ENVIRONMENT

On April 20, 2022, DNC organized the "DNC Recycled Fashion 2022" Contest with the aim of promoting solutions for environmental protection. The contest aimed to create a healthy playground for students to socialize, learn, and exchange knowledge, as well as actively promote specific cultural movements and spread awareness about environmental protection.

The competition drew in 17 teams of students from the Faculty of Tourism of DNC who are majoring in tourism, hotel and restaurant management. Each team designed a costume using recycled materials such as paper, plastic bags, leaves, and fabric. The costumes were named after different locations in the Mekong Delta and incorporated modern elements while staying true to the spirit of the country.



Images of excellent contestants at the "DNC Recycled Fashion 2022" Contest

## INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION AND GLOBAL LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

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DNC International Medical Faculty aims to establish strong collaborative partnerships with various international universities and medical organizations. Our students will have the valuable opportunity to participate in exchange programs for studying, interning, and conducting research in leading countries such as the US, UK, Japan, Australia, Malaysia, and many others. These international experiences not only enhance students' knowledge and skills, but also cultivate their adaptability and proficiency in working within a diverse, multicultural environment.

The orientation of establishing the International Medical Faculty at DNC has marked a new step forward in the training of high-quality medical human resources, meeting the increasing needs of society and contributing to enhancing the position of Vietnamese medical education in the international arena. DNC is committed to continuing to invest and develop the International Medical Faculty, creating the best conditions for students to study and develop, preparing for a promising and challenging future in the medical field.



*DNC organized Teaching Methodology Research Conference for International Medical Faculty*

## RESPONDING TO WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY

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The program was designed to encourage us to adopt a sustainable lifestyle that is in harmony with nature. This includes using resources in a rational manner, preserving biodiversity, and addressing climate change through policies that promote a greener and cleaner lifestyle.



*Booth of environmentally-friendly products*

## **“BEAUTIFUL TRASH” PROJECT: CREATIVITY AND RESPONSIBILITY TO THE COMMUNITY OF DNC ENVIRONMENTAL AND NATURAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT STUDENTS**

The project "Beautiful Trash" by students from the Faculty of Architecture, Construction, and Environment showcases the creativity and responsibility of students towards society and the community. These students have been trained through DNC's program, which equips them with knowledge, skills, and a strong sense of ethics and responsibility towards society. By studying subjects such as waste management and treatment, and fueled by their passion for the field, the students came up with the idea of "reviving plastic and paper waste". This innovative idea earned them the Second Prize for Startup Ideas in Vinh Long Province in 2020.

From its initial success, the group launched the "Beautiful Trash" project, which has been operating successfully to this day. The project's mission is to recycle waste into handicrafts and stationery products, with the goal of raising awareness, promoting recycling efforts, and reducing plastic waste through two methods: "trash for gifts" exchanges and the sale of recycled products. The "trash for gifts" initiative aims to increase awareness and encourage the collection of plastic waste and office paper, while also limiting waste and utilizing it as raw materials for recycling. The gifts offered are made from recycled materials by the project.



*Logo and message of the “Beautiful Trash” Project*

## **INITIATIVE TO DESIGN AND MANUFACTURE SOCIAL VEHICLES TO HELP PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES AND THE ELDERLY MOVE EASILY ON DNC CAMPUS**

In Vietnam, individuals with disabilities and older adults encounter numerous obstacles when it comes to accessing transportation, public facilities, healthcare, and other social services.

Projects aim to enhance opportunities and raise the status of people with disabilities and the elderly in our country are increasingly being paid attention to and developed with the aim of eliminating barriers to their integration. Thereby, contributing to adjusting national policies related to people with disabilities and the elderly to enhance their ability to integrate into society as well as access to public facilities.



*The 4-seat electric car initiative, serving for people with disabilities to travel at DNC*

## GREEN CAMPUS INITIATIVE - LEARNING AND PROTECTING THE ENVIRONMENT

In 2023, DNC implemented a learning and practice model for sustainable development known as the Green Campus Initiative (GCI). This innovative model combines environmental education and hands-on experience to increase students' awareness and skills in environmental protection. The Youth and Student Association of the DNC played a crucial role in spearheading volunteer activities and sustainable environmental protection projects.

In this model, lecturers guide students to apply their knowledge and skills in their major towards environmental protection projects. This approach helps students to gain a deeper understanding of their professional field, develop important soft skills, and cultivate a strong sense of environmental awareness and responsibility.



*DNC collaborated with Phong Dien District Youth Union, Unions, Blocs, and Party Civil Affairs Agencies launched Youth Month "Planting trees and cleaning the environment"*

## FACULTY OF MEDICINE INTEGRATES SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT EDUCATION INTO THE TRAINING PROGRAM

The Faculty of Medicine was established with the purpose of training students in the field of Health, in accordance with the standard medical training criteria set by the Ministry of Education and Training of Vietnam. Through a modern training program, the Faculty of Medicine places a strong emphasis on incorporating sustainable development principles into each subject, particularly those related to public health and the environment.

The subject "Health - Environment" is a typical example where students are equipped with knowledge about the relationship between human health and the living environment. In this subject, students not only learn about legal regulations related to the classification and treatment of medical waste, but also understand the importance of applying environmental protection measures in the process of practicing medicine. The proper treatment of waste, especially medical waste, is an extremely important and urgent method in protecting the environment and ensuring safety for the community in the current context.

*Students are equipped with knowledge about the relationship between human health and the living environment*



## STUDENTS OF DNC TEACH ENGLISH FOR FREE TO CHILDREN IN DIFFICULT CIRCUMSTANCES

English has become one of the most popular languages in the world, not only as a tool of communication, but also as a bridge to explore and learn about the cultures of different countries. With the development of technology and engineering, the use of English has become more important than ever.

As part of the Green Summer volunteer campaign in 2023, students from DNC organized English teaching activities for disadvantaged children in the local area. With enthusiasm and a passion for teaching, the team of over 30 students planned and executed English classes at schools such as An Binh Primary School and My Khanh Primary School.



*Students of DNC teach English to children in difficult circumstances*

## DNC SUPPORTES THE COMMUNITY IN PRACTICING SOLUTIONS TO REDUCE ENVIRONMENTAL POLLUTION

In addition to the mission of education and training, helping the community is also one of the missions that DNC is interested in and carries out very well. In addition to the vibrant and enthusiastic activities of the Youth Union of the faculties and units under the school, lecturers and students also have practical contributions in the task of supporting the local community to reduce the problem of plastic waste.



*Some images of DNC lecturers and students supporting the community, conducting communication to raise awareness of environmental protection and instructing on how to classify and recycle waste*

The DNC has participated in the project "For a Waste-Free Mekong River - Pilot Circular Economy in Can Tho Floating Markets." The project aims to promote a circular economy, reduce waste from rivers to the sea, and encourage behavioral changes in waste management for local communities living on the river. It is being implemented by the Green Development Support Center (GreenHub) and the Research Center for Natural Resources and Rural Development (RECERD), with the support and collaboration of local people, DNC, Can Tho City People's Committee, Can Tho City Department of Natural Resources and Environment, and local authorities from Binh Thuy and Cai Rang Districts.



## FACULTY OF LAW ORGANIZED THE SEMINAR "LAW ON THE RIGHTS OF PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES IN VIETNAM"

On August 12, 2023, the Faculty of Law at DNC organized a seminar for students with the topic "The Law on the Rights of People with Disabilities in Vietnam."

During the meeting, the lecturer focused on emphasizing the legal rights and interests of people with disabilities stated in the provisions of the 2013 Constitution, the Labor Code 2019, the Law on People with Disabilities 2010, etc. At the same time, she also focused on disseminating social welfare policies, supporting education, training, and job creation for people with disabilities in general and for disabled students of DNC in particular.



*Faculty of Law organized a seminar on "Law on the rights of people with disabilities in Vietnam"*

Goal 17 promotes the building of a united international community, where all nations and NGOs contribute to the achievement of sustainable development. Therefore, strengthening implementation methods and promoting a global partnership are crucial in addressing specific global challenges, such as poverty and climate change, and creating a sustainable future for everyone.