

Global Astronomy Survey: Vietnam

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1. Professional (Research) Astronomy:

1. Number of universities offering Astronomy (and their names)

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- Hanoi National University of Education
- Vinh University
- Hue University
- Hochiminh University of Education

1. Number of universities offering Physics (and their names)

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- Hanoi National University of Education
- Hanoi National University
- Thainguyen University
- Vinh University
- Hue University
- Qui Nhon University
- Hochiminh University of Education
- Hochiminh University
- Danang University
- Hanoi Technology University

1. Number of academics who have been trained in Astronomy (ideally with their names and levels of qualification)

- Assoc. Prof. Dr.yen Dinh Noan, Vinh University

- Assoc.Prof. Dr.Nguyen Dinh Huan, Vinh University

- Ms. Van Dong, Senior lecturer at Hanoi National University of Education

- Dr. Nguyen Quynh Lan, Hanoi National University of Education

- Dr. Dinh Van Trung, Institute of Physics, Hanoi

- Dr. Tran The Trung, Institute of Physics, Hanoi

- Dr. Phan Bao Ngoc, Hue University

- Dr. Cao Anh Tuan, Hochiminh University

- Other researchers.

1. Number of astronomical facilities (observatories, telescopes, etc) and as much detail about each as possible (websites/contact details)

- Observatory at Hanoi National university of Education with telescopes 40cm in diameter with CCD camera and several small telescopes.

1. Self evaluation (according to the different phases above, how would you rate your country in terms of Professional Astronomy? Please include any other relevant information to motivate your choice.)

2. Public Understanding of Astronomy:

1. What governmental astronomy/science outreach programmes for the public take place (co-ordinated either by government departments or national facilities)

- Vinh Planetarium

1. What non-governmental astronomy/science outreach programmes for the public take place (NGO activities or international programmes that your country is involved in)

- Not yet

1. Comment on the presence of astronomy in the media (TV, radio, newspapers). Is it very prominent? Are there specific programmes on astronomy? Is the media generally willing to publish news on astronomy?

2. Comment on the presence of astronomy/science in the general culture of the people. Are there any specific challenges or setbacks? Is astronomy a welcome subject of conversation?

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Self evaluation (according to the different phases above, how would you rate your country in terms of Public Understanding of Astronomy? Please include any other relevant information to motivate your choice.)

3. Astronomy in Schools:

1. What governmental astronomy/science education and outreach programmes for schools take place (co-ordinated either by government departments or national facilities)

- Not yet

1. What non-governmental astronomy/science education and outreach programmes for schools take place (NGO activities or international programmes that your country is involved in)

2. Comment on the presence of astronomy in the school curriculum. Is it part of the school curriculum? Is it very prominent? What age groups?

- Yes, astronomy is the part of the school curriculum, it is in the Physics course for high school from 10 to 12th grade and for college and graduate students.

- Astronomy is prominent among students, especially stargazing activities organized by astronomical organizations and astronomy camps.

1. Comment on the status of astronomy/science in schools. Are there any specific challenges or setbacks? Sufficient number of students studying maths and science? General interest in maths/science/astronomy in schools?

2. Self evaluation (according to the different phases above, how would you rate your country in terms of Astronomy in Schools? Please include any other relevant information to motivate your choice.)