



**WELCOME SPEECH ON VIET NAM TEACHERS' DAY
AND OPENING CEREMONY OF THE ACADEMIC YEAR 2015 - 2016**

Your Excellencies.

Distinguished Guests, Parents, Teachers, all staff and Students,

Welcome to the 33th Vietnam Teachers' Day and Opening Ceremony 2015 – 2016.

On behalf of Ly Tu Trong Technical College Ho Chi Minh City, I am honored to deliver a speech at this year's celebration. First of all, I would like to extend my warmest congratulation to all new students for your excellent performance in the National College Entrance Examination and being accepted to LTTC.

Choosing a college is one of the most important decisions you will ever make in your life, as the competitiveness of your academic degree depends on the college from where you obtain it. More importantly, college is where you cultivate your sustainable development capabilities and thus enable you to lay a solid foundation for your entire future life. I believe it is the decision you made after quite a lot of deliberation. I should congratulate you that you made the right decision. I strongly believe that the whole LTTC team will strive together to turn your dreams into reality.

Ladies and Gentlemen

Education is an important cause for the development of humanity. Therefore, the teaching career and teachers are always highly respected among the society. In 1982 the Council of Ministers enclosed the Decision No.167 about taking November 20 as Vietnam Teachers' Day. Since then, the Vietnam Teachers' Day has become the annual festival of the entire population across the country, especially students, with plenty of activities to express deep gratitude to the teachers.

The Vietnamese people have a tradition to venerate teachers and morality. President Ho Chi Minh had taught us: "Plant trees for the sake of ten years, educate humans for the sake of hundreds years".

Implementing his wise words, education is considered as the most important national policy and teachers are the key factor in the quality and development of national education.

LTTC has not stopped developing all aspects in the past 29 years. We have trained and provided tens of thousands qualified technicians for the country. Last school year LTTC completed political tasks successfully and contributed effectively to the cause of defending and constructing the country. This is socially appreciated.

LTTC has achieved these accomplishments thanks to all generations of staff, faculties, employees and students, including the huge role of teachers. All teachers have been always an exemplified model who overcame adversities to put a solid step to LTTC's sustainable development while the country still faces many difficulties. The dedication of our teachers last year was recognized by the Socialist Party with many honors.

In school year 2014 – 2015 LTTC had:

- Constructed and completed 15 specialized programs of professional college based on credit system, constructed 9 specialized programs of professional vocational training (9+3), completed 9 specialized programs of professional vocational training (12+2), constructed 14 specialized programs of vocational training (9+4);
- Succeeded in enrolment management (2014: 1,300 students, 2015: 3,300 students);
- Increased school size from 3,000 students up to nearly 6,000 students;
- Strengthened partnership with foreign strategic partners to enhance international cooperation, actively and proactively cooperated with foreign countries such as Korea, United Kingdom, Japan, Singapore and Germany;
- Adjusted the regulation of studies and student regulations according to standardized working procedure and applied technology in student management;
- Improved information about academic programs, working regulations and guidelines on policies for students on LTTC's website;
- Deployed software system in education management and online assessment tests;

- Reconstructed the department of Electrical Electronics Engineering Faculty;
- Equipped Garment Technology Fashion Faculty, especially Electrical Electronics Engineering Faculty, with modern facilities;
- Reconstructed the student dormitory which attracted more than 300 students;
- Constructed the main gate on Hoang Van Thu Street;
- Renovated and painted all buildings in the college campus;
- Reconstructed the Memorial Hall and the security station of LTTC;
- Repaired and repainted entire tables in lecture halls; etc.

Ladies and Gentlemen!

The mission of LTTC in school year 2015 – 2016 and following years are:

- Training the staff, experts, technicians, skilled labour with high level of profession, information technology knowledge and foreign languages relevant to necessary skills such as operational skills, communication skills and living skills; alongside international perceptions and competitiveness, correct self-cognition and comprehensive development of physical strength, mentality, morality and culture awareness.
- Evaluating education quality is always the top target that LTTC must strive for. It is suggested to be self-assessed and examined by various methods, using multiple sources of information to find the solution to appropriate adjustments with the aim of increasingly improving the training quality;
- Opening more majors such as Business Administration, Accounting, Finance and English (professional college degree);
- Constructing advanced academic programs for Electrical – Electronics Engineering, Automotive Engineering, Mechanical Engineering, Information Technology oriented towards CDIO in order to accelerate high-quality educational model and promote the trademark of LTTC.
- Focusing on enrolment management in 2016, setting a specific plan for enrolment consulting, advertising and branding, having 4,000 new students registered and extending the school size up to 8,000 students;
- Continually innovating teaching and learning methods, examination assessment and education management;
- Establishing policies to attract talents to participate in teaching and doing scientific research at LTTC;

- Focusing on teaching morality and ideals of students, promoting extracurricular activities to create a healthy playground for students so that they can feel connected, strive to contribute to the college and serve the country after graduation;
- Celebrating the 30th Anniversary of the Establishment of LTTC;
- Equipping Mechanical Engineering Faculty with modern facilities;
- Improving laboratories and practice rooms of Electrical Electronics Engineering, Automotive Engineering, Heat Refrigeration Engineering and Information Technology;
- Constructing new dormitory to attract students, increase the school size and create economic resources for development;
- Designing the project of practical workshop centers to submit to the Department of Education and Training Ho Chi Minh City;
- Completing 1/500 master plan of the main campus;
- Implementing construction project at Cu Chi campus, Ho Chi Minh City;
- Board of Administrators and Deans of all Subordinate Units will regularly meet and listen to all aspiration and expectation, take care of the staff's material and spiritual life and provide students with better living and learning conditions.

Ladies and Gentlemen!

Today, on the occasion of 33th Vietnam Teachers' Day and Opening Ceremony 2015 – 2016, may I congratulate new students again on their excellent achievements, and wish you continued success in the future.

In the joy of hundreds of enthusiastic teachers, staff and thousands of students, I would like to declare the start of the new school year 2015 – 2016, the year of determination and creativity. Despite many challenges ahead, we still also have many advantages as we all throw ourselves wholeheartedly into the cause of education and the development of LTTC.

In closing, I extend my congratulation and best wishes to everyone associated with LTTC. I hope that all of you will enjoy the celebration, and I wish our visitors from abroad will have a very pleasant stay at LTTC.

Thank you very much.

