

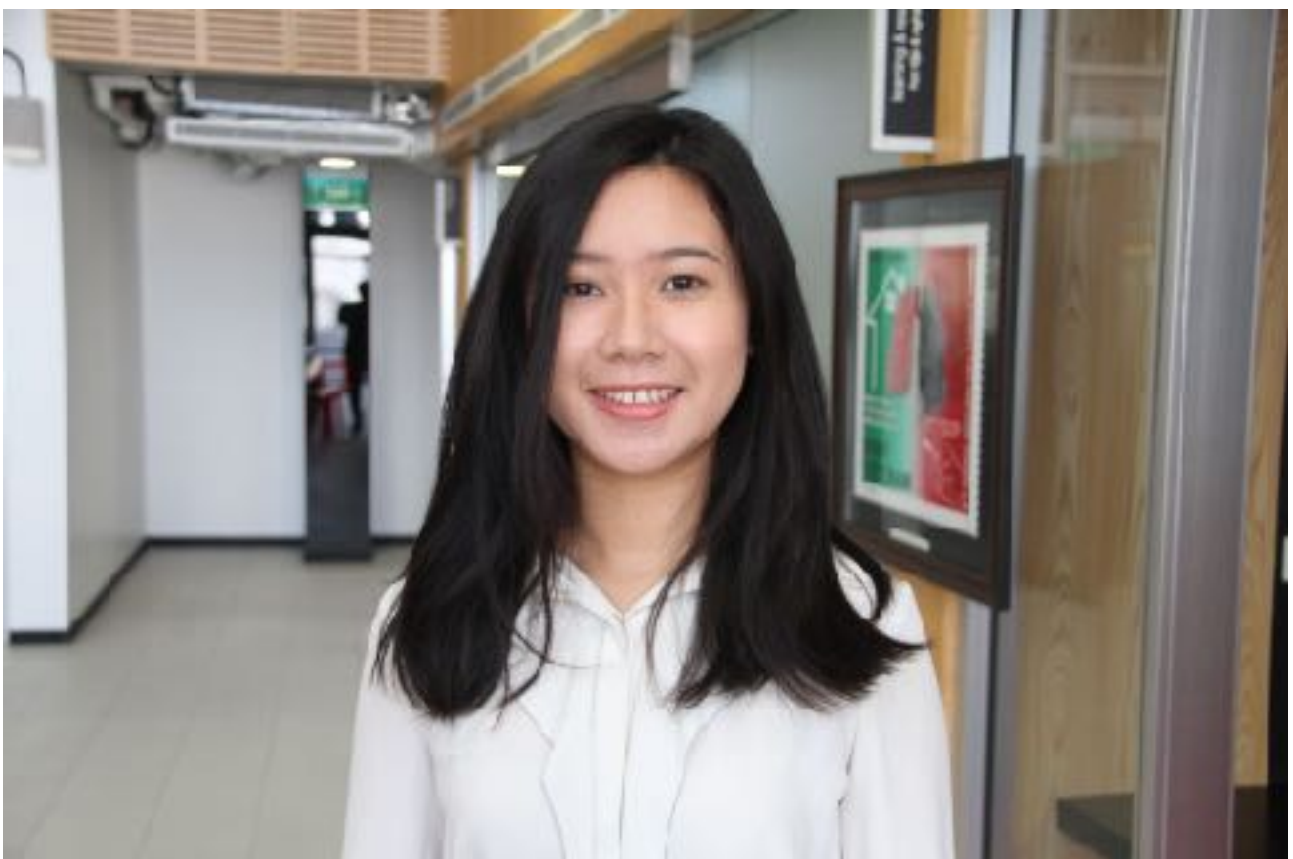
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Assignment: University UNV in Youth Programming

Country: Ha Noi, Viet Nam

### Introduction

From July to December 2018, I served as a United Nations University Volunteer in UNESCO Ha Noi Office in Viet Nam. Specialising in Youth Programming, my role was to support the development and implementation of national programs for active youth participation in civil, political and community life. I was assigned to facilitate four major workshops, touching upon issues on STEM education, policy advocacy, youth-led research and Global Vietnamese scholars forum. Besides assisting the youth team, I was also given the opportunity to develop my own project on arts and film. Throughout the assignment period, I have learnt the basics of project management, from writing concept notes to the execution and follow-ups of the programs; I have also learnt to incorporate new ideologies such as gender mainstreaming and human-rights approach into the planning of projects.









### Things I Enjoyed Most

I was very fortunate to be working with my supervisor who is young and energetic; critical yet open-minded. Despite her tight schedule, she always makes room to review my work progress, giving timely feedbacks that help me grow professionally and personally.

Without her guidance, I would not be able to make it that far.



I enjoyed working with colleagues from other agencies very much. Since Ha Noi office adopts the One UN concept, there were quite a number of cross-agency programs on various issues, for example Sexual and Reproductive Health Program which is co-organised by UNESCO, UN Women and UNFPA. It was inspiring and exciting to see and understand how people with different priorities and perspectives come together to create a program that can cater the needs of more people.





Meanwhile, I also appreciate the opportunity to work independently. I was assigned to brainstorm on an arts and film project. It was a very challenging task but it taught me to be proactive. I remembered how I browsed through the whole data base to look for samples of various documents and similar programs conducted before. The work attitude that I developed during the period has great impact on me.

### Things I Struggled With

It is easy to feel very little of oneself when one is surrounded by so many experienced professionals. It took me a while to clear my doubts about my ability and my work here. The struggles are real but so are the blessings. It was, and always will be one of my best memories.