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Following the success of ten previous quarterly dialogue sessions, on June 27, 2025, CTU and the People's Committee of Kien Giang Province co-hosted the 11th Quarterly SDMD Dialogue of 2025 under the theme “Developing Marine Economy - A New Driving Force for Sustainable Development of the Mekong Delta.” The event was held in person at the People's Committee of Kien Giang Province and was livestreamed on CTU's official social networks (Facebook, YouTube), the SDMD 2045 fanpage, and via Zoom platform.



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## The 11th Quarterly SDMD Dialogue 2025: “Developing Marine Economy - A New Driving Force for Sustainable Development of the Mekong Delta

The dialogue featured eight key presentations and a discussion section, focusing on developing Kien Giang towards a national blue marine economic hub, with expert contributions from government agencies, international organizations, research institutes, universities, and the business sector. The speakers not only shared research findings and practical applications but also demonstrated a spirit of knowledge exchange and

experience sharing in areas such as management, technology transfer, socio-economic transformation, climate change adaptation, and high-quality human resource development for the region. Notably, the insights and recommendations presented emphasized the importance of interdisciplinary and intersectoral collaboration in regional development, the need to formulate long-term strategies, innovate governance models, and enhance local capacities.



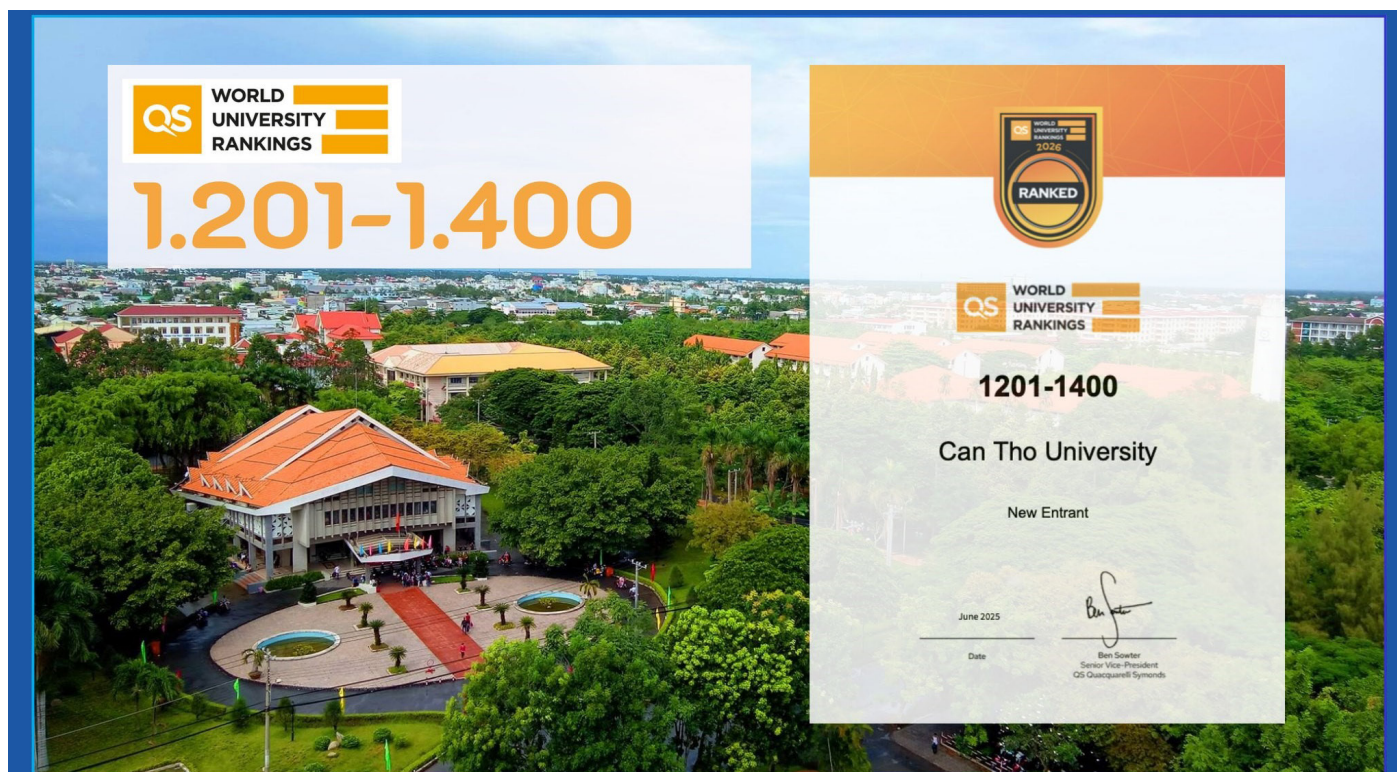
With over 700 kilometers of coastline and a strategic geographical location, the Mekong Delta is facing both great opportunities and challenges in pursuing sustainable marine economic development. Through the 11th Quarterly SDMD Dialogue in 2025, CTU successfully brought together ministries, agencies, enterprises, and domestic and international experts to discuss, orient, and propose concrete solutions for this new phase, transforming vision into action



and potential into real development momentum. The success of the dialogue reaffirmed the pioneering role of CTU and the People's Committee of Kien Giang Province in connecting knowledge, promoting policy dialogue, advancing academic value, and supporting localities in their strategies for marine economic development aligned with sustainability and climate resilience.



## Can Tho University Rises Prominently in Global Rankings, Affirming Its Academic Prestige



According to the QS World University Rankings 2026, released in June 2025, Can Tho University was ranked within the 1,201–1,400 group globally, specifically at 1,218th worldwide, and 6th among Vietnamese higher education institutions. Additionally, in the 2025–2026 Best Global Universities Rankings by U.S. News & World Report, Can Tho University was ranked 2,087th globally, 904th in Asia, and 8th among Vietnamese universities. Notably, the University also ranked 2nd in Vietnam for high-impact scientific publications, patents, utility solutions, and registered plant varieties in 2024.

This marks the first time Can Tho University has been listed in the QS World Rankings' 1,201–1,400 group, and the second consecutive year it has appeared in the U.S. News rankings. These achievements not only reflect the unwavering efforts of the University's faculty, staff, and students, but also affirm its growing reputation as a leading center of education, research, and knowledge transfer in the Mekong Delta and Vietnam.

### US News




**Can Tho University Rankings**

- #2087** in Best Global Universities (tie)
- #904** in Best Global Universities in Asia (tie)
- #8** in Best Global Universities in Vietnam

# Quality Assurance of Training Programs: Driving Continuous Improvement for Global Integration

## Quality assessment of six academic programmes according to national quality standards

From September 18 to 21, 2025, the quality assessment of six academic programmes at Can Tho University was conducted in accordance with national quality standards. These programs included Chemical Engineering (Master's level), Information Technology, Auditing, Soil Science, Environmental Science, and French. Over four working days at Can Tho University, the assessment team conducted a series of activities in accordance with the official procedures of the Ministry of Education and Training. The

evaluation focused on clarifying key aspects of quality assurance in training, including learning outcomes, curriculum design, faculty qualifications, facilities, quality assurance mechanisms, and the engagement between the University, learners, and enterprises. In addition, the assessment team conducted interviews with various stakeholders, including alumni, employers, learners, faculty members, and representatives from administrative units, to collect comprehensive and multidimensional feedback.



This was the first academic programme assessment under the national standards conducted at Can Tho University in 2025, marking a strong reaffirmation of the University's commitment to continuously enhancing training quality to better meet the needs of learners and the evolving demands of society.

## The 454th AUN-QA Programme Assessment in Can Tho University

From June 24 to 26, 2025, Can Tho University held the 454th AUN-QA (ASEAN University Network – Quality Assurance) programme assessment for four academic programs, including: Bachelor in Commercial Business, Bachelor in Natural Resource Economics, Bachelor of Engineering in Agronomy, and Master in Crop Science.

This is the second AUN-QA Programme Assessment at Can Tho University in 2025, and it stands as a powerful testament to the University's pioneering role in enhancing the quality of education and training in the Mekong Delta. Concurrently, it presents an opportunity for Can Tho University to promote and reaffirm its social responsibility by training practically-oriented graduates who meet regional and international quality standards, thereby creating momentum for innovation and sustainable development in the context of globalized higher education.





## Quality Assurance of Training Programs: Driving Continuous Improvement for Global Integration



As of June 17, 2025, Can Tho University has obtained 34 accreditation certificates for academic programmes meeting national quality standards and 37 certificates for programmes accredited under AUN-QA standards.

With a strategic vision for sustainable development and a strong commitment to continuous improvement in training quality, Can Tho University places great emphasis on quality assurance and

accreditation in accordance with both national and regional standards. In 2013, Can Tho University became one of the 30 Full Members of the ASEAN University Network (AUN). In 2017, the University achieved the Certificate of Institutional Accreditation, in the period 2018-2023. In 2023, Can Tho University achieved the second cycle Certificate of Institutional Accreditation, in the period 2023-2028.



# Scientific and Technological Activities and Student Competitions

## Establishment of Two Strong Research Teams and Five Leading Research Teams



On May 5, 2025, Can Tho University officially announced the formation of two strong research teams: **(1) Support solutions for the Project 1 million hectares of high-quality, low-emission rice in the Mekong Delta;** **(2) Development of sustainable aquaculture and adaptation to climate change.** In addition, five leading research teams

were established, including: **(1) Biotechnology;** **(2) Automation, Information technology, E-transformation, Artificial intelligence;** **(3) Natural science in digital platform;** **(4) Digital Applications in Economics – Society – Rural Development;** **(5) Promoting competences in using English as second language in schools and universities.**

The establishment of these strategic research groups reflects Can Tho University's focused investment in key scientific and technological fields. It marks a significant step in promoting research and innovation that serves sustainable development in the Mekong Delta and strengthens international competitiveness. This initiative also aims to foster a high-quality research workforce and to build a robust ecosystem for research, innovation, and technology transfer, providing a solid foundation for the University to engage more deeply in national and international research networks.

## Final Round of the “CTU Startup 2025” Competition for High School and University Students

On June 1, 2025, Can Tho University held the final round of the “CTU Startup 2025” Competition for High School and University Students. The competition was organized to foster creativity, dynamic thinking, and entrepreneurial spirit among students, while also providing a platform for contestants to realize their startup ideas and projects.



Launched by Can Tho University from February to May 2025, the competition attracted nearly 30 innovative ideas and projects submitted by teams formed across various schools, colleges, faculties, and institutes. After several rounds of selection, the Organizing Committee shortlisted the top 10 most outstanding teams to compete in the final round of the CTU Startup 2025 Competition.



## Can Tho University Hosts the 35th National Mechanics Olympiad – Southern Region



Officially opened on April 13, 2025, the 35th National Mechanics Olympiad – Southern Region was hosted by Can Tho University, bringing together over 500 students from 19 teams representing higher education institutions across Southern Vietnam. The competition not only offered a platform for students passionate about mechanics to showcase their academic capabilities, but also helped promote a spirit of learning, research, and innovation within the engineering student community. 19 teams competed in eight categories: Hydraulics, Structural Mechanics, Strength of Materials, Engineering Mechanics, Mechanisms, Machine Elements, Soil Mechanics, and Computer Applications in Machine Elements. These challenges tested not only theoretical knowledge but also required creative thinking and practical problem-solving skills.

On May 10, 2025, at the Closing and Awarding Ceremony, the Organizing Committee presented 273 individual awards and 6 team awards. The team from Can Tho University delivered an impressive performance, winning 23 individual prizes (9 Third Prizes and 14 Consolation Prizes). Other participating institutions also achieved remarkable results, reflecting their careful preparation, the relentless efforts of the students, and the dedicated support of their academic mentors.

## Can Tho University Students Achieve Outstanding Results at the 2025 National Student Chemistry Olympiad



From April 15 to 19, 2025, the 12th National Student Chemistry Olympiad took place at Ho Chi Minh City University of Technology – Vietnam National University. The event brought together 62 teams with 316 contestants from 45 universities and academies in Vietnam.

Thanks to thorough preparation and dedicated practice, the team from Can Tho University (comprising students from the School of Education and the College of Natural Sciences) was honored with a Certificate of Excellence (Group A) by the Organizing Committee. The team also achieved five individual prizes: one Second Prize, two Third Prizes, and two Consolation Prizes.

This remarkable achievement not only reflects the high quality of training and strong academic spirit of Can Tho University students, but also demonstrates the dedication and commitment of the University's lecturers in mentoring and supporting students in their pursuit of knowledge.



# Internationalization of Education: International Students Participate in Credit Exchange Programs at Can Tho University

**In the first half of 2025, Can Tho University welcomed over 30 international students for credit-exchange programs.**

This milestone reflects the University's ongoing efforts in internationalizing education and expanding its academic collaboration network, while fostering a multicultural, dynamic, and globally integrated learning environment. From April 2 to 28, 2025, 30 students from the School of Science, Walailak University (Thailand), participated in a credit-based exchange program at the School of Education, Can Tho University. This program was implemented under the framework of a cooperation agreement between the two institutions. During their time at the School of Education, the Thai students took seven specialized subjects in fields such as Informatics, Mathematics, Biology, and Natural Sciences. In addition to classroom learning, they actively engaged in practical sessions, self-study, and group work alongside students from Can Tho University.



From May to September 2025, Ms. Weronika Sylwia Wrotek, a student from Masaryk University (Czech Republic), is undertaking specialized courses in Tourism, Health Tourism, Vietnamese Tourist Destinations, and Southern Vietnamese Culture at the College of Social Sciences and Humanities. During her time at Can Tho University, Ms. Weronika has had the opportunity to immerse herself in in-depth academic content related to Vietnamese tourism and culture, participate in experiential learning activities, interact with local students, and explore the unique cultural characteristics of the Mekong Delta.

Can Tho University continues to enhance international academic cooperation by developing English-taught programs, promoting academic exchanges, and fostering training and research collaboration with reputable global partners. These efforts provide students with solid foundations for effective integration into the global education environment, elevate the University's regional and international standing, and support the strategic goal of building a dynamic, globally connected academic ecosystem.





## The opening ceremony for graduate training programs and Graduation Ceremony for Part-Time Undergraduate and Part-Time Distance Learning Undergraduate



### The opening ceremony for graduate training programs

On June 1, 2025, Can Tho University held the Opening Ceremony for Graduate Training – First Intake of 2025, welcoming 604 new master's students and 56 new doctoral candidates.

Speaking at the ceremony, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Tran Trung Tinh - Rector of Can Tho University emphasized that over its 59-year journey of development, Can Tho University has continuously expanded its scale, enhanced training quality, invested in state-of-the-art facilities, and built a highly qualified faculty to meet the demands of educational reform. As of now, the University offers training in 19 out of 23 academic fields, with 121 undergraduate programs, 59 master's programs, and 24 doctoral programs.

### Graduation Ceremony for Part-Time Undergraduate and Part-Time Distance Learning Undergraduate

On May 31, 2025, Can Tho University held the Graduation Ceremony for 323 new engineers and bachelors from the Part-Time Undergraduate and Part-Time Distance Learning Undergraduate programs for the academic year 2024–2025.

In addition to its Full-Time Undergraduate, Can Tho University has long implemented and effectively managed various forms of the Part-Time Undergraduate and Part-Time Distance Learning Undergraduate, along with short-term training and professional development courses. These efforts aim to enhance learners' competencies, update knowledge, and meet diverse educational needs with a strong commitment to quality.

With its mission as a leading center for education, scientific research, and technology transfer in the Mekong Delta and the nation, Can Tho University remains at the forefront of innovation in curriculum development, teaching methods, digital transformation, and academic collaboration with domestic and international partners. The University strives to address the practical needs of society and to foster a highly qualified workforce in support of sustainable socio-economic development in the new era.

## Strengthening Educational Cooperation in the Semiconductor Sector with Universities and Industry Partners

In the first half of 2025, Can Tho University actively promoted and established extensive educational cooperation with universities and enterprises both domestically and internationally, aiming to develop high-quality human resources in the fields of semiconductors and artificial intelligence (AI)—key industries at the forefront of the digital transformation era and essential to Vietnam’s high-tech industrial development strategy.

Through these agreements, the parties committed to implementing joint training programs, faculty and student exchange initiatives, academic conferences, and internship opportunities with enterprises operating in the fields of artificial intelligence, microchips, and semiconductors. Can Tho University, as a key public higher education institution in the Mekong Delta and one of 18 universities prioritized by the Prime Minister for investment in human resource development for the semiconductor industry under Decision No. 1017/QĐ-TTg dated September 21, 2024 - approving the Program “Developing human resources for the semiconductor industry to 2030, with a vision to 2050”

Notable cooperation activities included the signing of memoranda of understanding with prestigious Taiwanese universities such as National Taiwan Normal University, Ming Chi University of Technology, and Da Yeh University, as well as establishing close partnerships with enterprises like Faraday Technology Corporation, CT Group, Vietnam Global Partner Enterprises Ltd., and the Chen-Yung Memorial Foundation Inc.



**H**as actively sought partners and expanded international cooperation to enhance its capacity in education, research, and technology transfer in this field. These efforts lay a crucial foundation for Can Tho University to develop advanced training programs, access cutting-edge technologies, build a team of high-quality lecturers and experts, and attract support from international organizations and industry partners.



## Can Tho University Participates in the APEC Education Forum in South Korea



From May 12 to 14, 2025, a delegation from Can Tho University, led by Assoc. Prof. Dr. Tran Trung Tinh – Rector of the University and member of the Vietnamese Ministry of Education and Training’s delegation – participated in a series of education-related events held under the framework of the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) Forum on Jeju Island, South Korea.

This was a significant event under the APEC Education Ministerial Meeting, bringing together policymakers, education leaders, and representatives from universities across the Asia-Pacific region to promote dialogue, cooperation, and collective action toward sustainable education in the digital era. At the APEC, the Rector of Can Tho University attended key conferences, engaged in bilateral meetings to foster international academic collaboration, and emphasized the profound impacts of emerging technologies, particularly artificial intelligence (AI), on human resource development policies and the labor market at both regional and global levels.





## Expanding International Partnerships and Strengthening Global Connections in Education and Research

With a vision to become an advanced university meeting international standards, Can Tho University has continuously expanded its cooperation efforts and established strategic partnerships with numerous universities and educational institutions worldwide. Notably, during the second quarter of 2025 alone, the University signed memoranda of understanding and cooperation agreements with universities from South Korea, Thailand, Belgium, and Australia—thereby broadening its academic, research, and cultural exchange environment on a global scale.

Among these, Can Tho University's cooperation agreements signed with Incheon National University (April 3, 2025), Gyeongsang National University (April 21, 2025), and Korea University of Science and Technology (April 25, 2025) focused on areas of mutual strength such as core technologies, environmental sciences, biotechnology, agriculture, and fisheries. Key areas of collaboration include credit transfer programs, sharing academic materials, organizing international conferences, and developing joint research projects.



In Southeast Asia, Can Tho University signed agreements with Walailak University (April 3, 2025) and Kamphaeng Phet Rajabhat University from Thailand, marking the expansion of cooperation in teacher education, student and faculty exchange, interdisciplinary activities, and the promotion of multicultural learning environments.

Notably, on April 1, 2025, Can Tho University and the University of Namur signed a cooperation agreement in Hanoi, as part of the King and Queen of Belgium's state visit to Vietnam. The agreement aims to strengthen educational and research collaboration in digital transformation, renewable energy, climate change, water resource management, and sustainable urban development. Additionally, on April 5, 2025, Can Tho University signed an agreement with the University of Liège to implement high-impact scientific projects and to create learning and research opportunities for students, PhD candidates, and faculty, thereby contributing to sustainable development and strengthening ties between the two educational systems.

Moreover, the signing of a cooperation agreement with Monash University (Australia) on June 4, 2025, marked an important milestone in establishing a deep and broad partnership in education, research, and knowledge transfer between the two universities. These international agreements not only enhance Can Tho University's training, research, and global integration capabilities, but also provide diverse learning, internship, and international experience opportunities for students and faculty, thus further affirming Can Tho University as one of Vietnam's leading higher education institutions with an extensive global partner network.





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The second quarter of 2025 concluded with remarkable and proud strides made by Can Tho University on its journey to affirm academic excellence, foster innovation, and strengthen international integration. From community-oriented forums and large-scale academic initiatives to notable achievements in global rankings and dynamic activities in research, entrepreneurship, and international educational collaboration — all reflect a vibrant, resilient, and forward-moving university.



With a pioneering spirit and an aspiration to reach new heights, Can Tho University is steadily realizing its vision of becoming a leading university in the region — a place where knowledge, creativity, and responsibility converge. In this era of digital transformation and global integration, the University continues to serve as a vital link in the ecosystem of education, research, and innovation in the Mekong Delta and across Vietnam, contributing meaningfully to the nation's sustainable development and prosperity.

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