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According to the Decision on the Recognition of Professorial and Associate Professorial Standards for 2025 issued by the State Council for Professorship on November 19, 2025, Can Tho University had a total of 22 distinguished educators officially recognized as meeting the standards, including 03 Professors and 19 Associate Professors. This recognition marked a significant milestone for Can Tho University in 2025, affirming its pioneering role in higher education, scientific research, and innovation in the Mekong Delta and across Vietnam.



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03 New Professors and 19 Associate Professors of Can Tho University Recognized by the State Council for Professorship

The 22 distinguished educators recognized as meeting the standards for the titles of Professor and Associate Professor came from 10 affiliated units of Can Tho University. Among them, the College of Agriculture had 05 lecturers recognized; the College of Engineering, 04 lecturers; the Institute of Food and Biotechnology, 03 lecturers; the College of Natural Sciences, 03 lecturers; and the College of Information and Communication Technology, 02 lecturers. The remaining units, each with 01 lecturer recognized, included the School of Foreign Languages, the School of Economics, Hau Giang Campus, the School of Political Science, Social Sciences and Humanities, and the College of Aquaculture and Fisheries. As of November 2025, Can Tho University had a total of 220 recognized Professors and Associate Professors, including 26 Professors and 194 Associate Professors.



The continued growth in both the number and quality of Professors and Associate Professors not only reflected individual academic excellence, but also underscored the University's mission to nurture talented individuals in a liberal learning environment, foster cutting-edge research, and drive technology transfer. This achievement further highlighted Can Tho University's commitment to building a prosperous and sustainable society in the era of globalization and the Fourth Industrial Revolution.



Can Tho University Upgrades the College of Natural Sciences as a Specialized University

Within the framework of the Ceremony commemorating the 43rd Anniversary of Vietnamese Teachers' Day (November 20, 1982 – November 20, 2025), Can Tho University officially announced Resolution No. 89/NQ-HĐT dated November 17, 2025, issued by the Board of Trustees, approving the upgrade of the College of Natural Sciences from a faculty-level academic unit to a specialized university within Can Tho University.



The establishment of the College of Natural Sciences in a specialized university marked an important milestone, not only commemorating nearly 30 years since its re-establishment and continuous development, but also reflecting the collective dedication and achievements of generations of leaders, lecturers, staff, and students. More importantly, this transition reaffirmed Can Tho University's strategic orientation toward strengthening fundamental scientific research, building a solid foundation for advanced and interdisciplinary research, fostering emerging technologies, and generating research outcomes with high practical value to support the sustainable development of the region.



At present, Can Tho University comprises seven specialized universities, including the College of Engineering, the College of Information and Communication Technology, the School of Economics, the College of Agriculture, the School of Education, the College of Aquaculture and Fisheries, and the College of Natural Sciences, together with five Faculties and two Institutes. This organizational structure further affirms Can Tho University's position as one of Vietnam's leading centers of higher education and scientific research, steadily advancing toward regional and international integration while making meaningful contributions to knowledge creation, innovation, and the country's sustainable development.



Delegation of the Federation Council of the Federal Assembly of the Russian Federation Visits and Works with Can Tho University



On November 30, 2025, as part of its official working visit to Viet Nam, the Delegation of the Federation Council of the Federal Assembly of the Russian Federation visited and worked with Can Tho University. This visit marked one of the most significant political and diplomatic events of the University in 2025, underscoring Can Tho University's stature as a regional university and affirming its growing international presence. The delegation's visit not only deepened the long-standing Vietnam - Russia friendship, which has been cultivated over generations, but also opened up promising, multi-dimensional, and multi-sectoral cooperation opportunities between Can Tho University and Russian partners in the future.

The delegation was led by Mr. Yatskin Andrey Vladimirovich - First Deputy Chairman of the Federation Council; accompanied by Mr. Denisov Andrey Ivanovich - First Deputy Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the Federation Council; Mr. Sheykin Artem Gennadievich - First Deputy Chairman of the Committee on Constitutional Legislation and State-Building of the Federation Council; Mr. Sadykov Timur Sirozhevich - Consul General of the Russian Federation in Ho Chi Minh City; and other members of the delegation.



In his welcoming remarks, Prof. Dr. Nguyen Thanh Phuong emphasized the profound significance of the visit, considering it an important milestone in Can Tho University's ongoing efforts to expand international cooperation. The Chairman of the Can Tho University Board of Trustees affirmed that the development of Can Tho University, the prosperity of the Mekong Delta, and the long-standing friendship between Viet Nam and Russia will continue to be nurtured through practical, sustainable, and effective cooperation programs.

For nearly 60 years of development, Can Tho University has consistently prioritized international cooperation, in which the Russian Federation has remained one of Can Tho University's traditional and most valued partners. Many generations of Can Tho University lecturers received their training at prestigious Russian institutions and have since become key contributors in various fields such as information technology, natural sciences, aquaculture, agriculture, education, and engineering. These contributions serve as tangible evidence of the enduring academic and scientific bonds between Can Tho University and Russian institutions over the decades.



Affirming Training Scale and the Mission of Developing High-Quality Human Resources

Nearly 6,000 New Graduates Awarded Degrees at the Second Graduation Ceremony for Full-Time Undergraduate Programs in 2025

From October 3 to October 13, 2025, Can Tho University solemnly held the second graduation ceremony for full-time undergraduate programs in 2025, conferring degrees upon nearly 6,000 new bachelors and engineers from 13 academic units.

The graduates came from the following units: College of Engineering; College of Aquaculture and Fisheries; School of Economics; School of Education; College of Agriculture; College of Information and Communication Technology; Hau Giang Campus; School of Political Science, Social Sciences and Humanities; Institute of Food and Biotechnology; School of Foreign Languages; College of Environment and Natural Resources; College of Natural Sciences; and School of Law.

More than 400 Graduates Awarded Degrees at the Second Graduation Ceremony for Part-Time and Distance Learning Undergraduate Programs in 2025

On November 23, 2025, Can Tho University awarded degrees to more than 400 new engineers and bachelor's graduates from part-time undergraduate and distance learning undergraduate programs at the second graduation ceremony in 2025. These graduates were outstanding learners from the 2021, 2022, and 2023 cohorts.

Alongside full-time undergraduate programs, Can Tho University has proactively and effectively implemented part-time undergraduate, distance learning undergraduate, and short-term training programs to enhance qualifications and update knowledge for diverse learner groups. Training collaborations with domestic and regional partners have yielded practical outcomes, expanding access to higher education and contributing significantly to the development of a high-quality workforce serving the country's industrialization and modernization process.



The Second Graduation Ceremony for Postgraduate Programs in 2025: Affirming Sustainable Value in Graduate Education and Research

On December 27, 2025, Can Tho University solemnly held the second graduation ceremony for doctoral and master's programs in 2025, awarding degrees to 15 new PhDs and 468 new master's degree graduates who met all graduation requirements. The ceremony took place in a solemn, warm, and meaningful atmosphere at Turtle Hall, marking an important milestone in the academic journeys of doctoral candidates and graduate students.

Currently, Can Tho University's postgraduate enrollment totals 3,576 learners, including 382 doctoral candidates and 3,194 master's students. In 2025 alone, Can Tho University admitted 1,187 master's students and 121 doctoral candidates. During the ceremony, the University conferred 15 doctoral degrees and 468 master's degrees. To date, Can Tho University has awarded degrees to a total of 412 PhDs and 15,225 master's degree graduates.

Anticipating Emerging Trends – Can Tho University Advances the Development of Key Academic Programmes



In the fourth quarter of 2025, Can Tho University implemented a strategic plan to develop and prepare for the opening of 12 new academic programmes at both undergraduate and postgraduate levels. These programmes span a wide range of fields, including social sciences and humanities, STEM (science, technology, engineering, and mathematics), biotechnology and modern agriculture, as well as industry and infrastructure. This initiative reflects the University's strong determination to innovate and its proactive approach to anticipating emerging trends in science and technology, digital transformation, industrialization, modernization, and sustainable development.

The planned programmes have been developed through extensive consultations with relevant stakeholders, ensuring close alignment between academic foundations, practical application, and societal needs. With a focus on nurturing high-quality human resources possessing adaptability and global integration capacity, this effort further affirms Can Tho University's pioneering role within Vietnam's higher education system and its mission to serve the sustainable development of the Mekong Delta and the nation in the new development phase.



Anticipating Emerging Trends – Can Tho University Advances the Development of Key Academic Programmes

Can Tho University plans to open a Doctoral programme in Vietnamese Literature and a Master's programme in Literature, marking an important step in the training and research strategy of the School of Political Science, Social Sciences and Humanities. These programmes are being developed with a modern orientation, emphasizing advanced research capacity, critical thinking, and academic rigor, while fostering strong linkages between literary theory and contemporary social realities.

Through expert consultation workshops involving scholars, employers, and learners, the curricula have been refined toward openness, flexibility, and alignment with international academic standards. The programmes are expected to contribute to the development of lecturers, researchers, and literary scholars capable of international integration and meaningful contributions to the sustainable development of Vietnamese culture and human values.

Advancing Social Sciences and Humanities with Depth and Global Integration



Expanding STEM Programmes to Meet Digital Transformation Demands

In line with its strategy to expand STEM education, Can Tho University is developing an undergraduate programme in Data Science (under the College of Natural Sciences) and a Talent Engineer programme in Semiconductor Integrated Circuit Design (under the College of Engineering). These fields respond to the growing demand for highly skilled human resources in the digital economy and reflect global shifts in technological investment and innovation.

The programmes are being designed with the active participation of management agencies, enterprises, and subject-matter experts to ensure strong practical relevance, enhanced application-oriented learning, and increased research and innovation capacity for learners. This initiative demonstrates the University's commitment to positioning itself at the forefront of emerging technological domains while expanding academic and career opportunities for students.



Investing in Biotechnology and Modern Agriculture Education

Building upon its long-standing strengths, Can Tho University is preparing to implement a Talent Master's Programme in Biotechnology (under the Institute of Food and Biotechnology) and develop a high-quality undergraduate programme in Plant Protection (under the College of Agriculture). These programmes aim to train experts with solid academic foundations, advanced experimental skills, and strong international integration capacity, meeting the demands of high-tech, green, and sustainable agricultural development.

Investments in key laboratories, combined with a training approach closely linked to scientific research and real-world production, are regarded as critical foundations for enhancing education quality and supplying high-caliber human resources for both the region and the country.



Strengthening Engineering, Industry, and Infrastructure Training

Can Tho University continues to develop new programmes in the fields of engineering, industry, and infrastructure, including a Doctoral programme in Chemical Engineering, high-quality undergraduate programmes in Mechanical Engineering and Construction Management, and a specialization in High-Speed Railway Engineering. Developed under the College of Engineering, these programmes emphasize hands-on practice, research, technology transfer, and close collaboration with industry partners, responding to the requirements of industrialization, modernization, and sustainable infrastructure development.

Through consultation workshops with stakeholders, the University has refined these programmes on sound scientific and practical foundations, paving the way for future implementation and contributing to the training of engineers and technical experts capable of leadership and adaptability in a rapidly changing environment.



The systematic development and preparation of multiple new academic programmes underscore Can Tho University's long-term vision and strong commitment to innovation in higher education. These initiatives not only diversify academic offerings and enhance the quality of human resources but also clearly reflect the University's strategic orientation toward integrating education, research, and knowledge transfer with real societal needs.

This serves as a solid foundation for Can Tho University to further strengthen its role as a leading center for education and scientific research in the Mekong Delta, making substantive contributions to Vietnam's sustainable development in the new era.



Student Activities at Can Tho University: Distinctive Achievements in Learning, Research, and International Integration



*Can Tho University Achieves Outstanding Results
at the 2025 Ministerial-Level Student Science
and Technology Awards*

On November 5, 2025, the Opening Ceremony and Final Review Meeting of the 2025 Student Science and Technology Awards for Higher Education Institutions was held, bringing together a large number of students, lecturers, scientists, and university leaders from across the country.

This year, the Awards attracted 628 research projects submitted by 112 higher education institutions nationwide. The projects were evaluated across six disciplines: Natural Sciences; Engineering and Technology; Medical Sciences; Agricultural Sciences; Social Sciences; and Humanities. At the event, Can Tho University continued to affirm its position as one of Vietnam's leading centers for education and research, with five student research projects winning Second Prizes at the Final Round of the 2025 Awards. These award-winning projects spanned a wide range of fields, from Natural Sciences, Engineering and Technology, and Agriculture to Social Sciences and Humanities, demonstrating the University's strong interdisciplinary research capacity, as well as the creativity and academic potential of its students.

Notably, the Department of Science, Technology and Innovation of Can Tho University was awarded a Certificate of Merit by the Ministry of Education and Training in recognition of its outstanding achievements in organizing and promoting student scientific research activities in 2025. This honor represents well-deserved recognition of the University's collective efforts to build a dynamic research environment, encourage students' early engagement in scientific inquiry, and foster innovative thinking and practical problem-solving skills.

These achievements further underscore Can Tho University's pioneering role within Vietnam's higher education system, not only in education and training, but also in scientific research and innovation, serving as an important foundation for contributing to the socio-economic development of the Mekong Delta region and the nation as a whole.





Can Tho University Students Achieve Outstanding Results at the 34th Vietnam Student Informatics Olympiad (OLP'25), the 1st Vietnam Student Artificial Intelligence Olympiad (OlpAI'25), and the 2025 ICPC International Collegiate Programming Contest

From December 8 to December 12, 2025, the Can Tho University student team, comprising students from the School of Information and Communication Technology, Can Tho University, participated in the Final Rounds of the 34th Vietnam Student Informatics Olympiad (OLP'25), the 1st Vietnam Student Artificial Intelligence Olympiad (OlpAI'25), and the ICPC Asia Ho Chi Minh City Regional Contest.

At these competitions, the Can Tho University student team made a strong impression with a series of remarkable achievements across both regional and national final rounds, including:

- One Second Prize and one Consolation Prize at the OlpAI'25 Regional Round
- One First Prize in the Specialized Informatics Category
- Two Second Prizes in the Specialized Informatics Category
- One Third Prize in the OLP'25 Super Cup Category
- One Consolation Prize at the ICPC National Round
- Two Consolation Prizes at the OlpAI'25 Final Round
- One Consolation Prize in the Open Source Software Category



The Vietnam Student Informatics Olympiad Week, together with the Vietnam Student Artificial Intelligence Olympiad and the ICPC Asia Ho Chi Minh City Regional Contest, concluded in a vibrant and dynamic atmosphere, bringing together talented students with a strong passion for technology from across the country. As the largest academic and technological platform of the year, the event played a significant role in promoting creativity, inspiring aspirations for knowledge exploration, and fostering the robust development of information technology and artificial intelligence within the Vietnamese student community.

The achievements attained by Can Tho University students at these prestigious competitions not only reflect their perseverance, creativity, and strong problem-solving skills, but also affirm the quality of training, research orientation, and international integration capacity of the School of Information and Communication Technology, Can Tho University. At the same time, these results further underscore Can Tho University's increasingly prominent position in national and regional academic arenas, demonstrating the competitive strength and research potential of its faculty members and students amid higher education's accelerating digital transformation and international integration.



Over 100 Monash University (Australia) Students Participate in the Global Immersion Guarantee Program at Can Tho University

The program aimed to promote in-depth academic dialogue between Can Tho University and Monash University on key issues facing the Mekong Delta, including local livelihoods, indigenous culture, the impacts of climate change, and community adaptation capacities. Through a series of academic discussions and field-based activities, the program served as a bridge between academic perspectives and real-world practices, while also capturing valuable insights and recommendations from various stakeholders.

Hosting the delegation of Monash University students not only created opportunities for academic and cultural exchange between students of the two institutions, but also contributed to fostering a multicultural learning environment, encouraging an increasing number of international students to study, conduct research, and gain practical experience in Vietnam. This activity opened up significant opportunities for the further development of international student exchange programs at Can Tho University. At the same time, it provided an important occasion for the University to enhance its international profile and affirm its position as a reputable destination within global education networks for future exchange and experiential learning programs.

Within the framework of activities to strengthen international cooperation and promote academic exchange in the region, on October 30, 2025, Can Tho University welcomed a delegation from Rangsit University (Thailand) to work with the University and implement an academic exchange program involving 15 students majoring in English Language Studies. The program not only provided a multicultural academic exchange environment for students of both universities, but also reaffirmed Can Tho University's strong commitment to its education internationalization strategy, toward building a dynamic, integrated, and regionally benchmarked learning environment.

Can Tho University and Rangsit University signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) in 2012. Building on this solid foundation, the two institutions have implemented a wide range of practical cooperation activities, including student exchanges, co-organization of academic seminars and competitions, short-term training programs, and cultural exchange initiatives. The participation of 15 students from Rangsit University in this academic exchange program serves as a vivid testament to the sustainable and effective partnership between the two universities, contributing to the promotion of educational development and international integration for students.

On November 28, 2025, a delegation of more than 100 students from Monash University, Australia, arrived at Can Tho University to participate in the Global Immersion Guarantee (GIG) Program, which took place from November 28 to December 1, 2025.



Welcoming 15 Students from Rangsit University (Thailand) for an Academic Exchange Program



In the coming period, Can Tho University and Rangsit University will continue to expand cooperation in education and training, faculty exchange, and the implementation of joint research and experiential learning projects. The two institutions will also promote interdisciplinary research and develop globally oriented academic programs, particularly in the context of rapid global transformation. Through these efforts, both universities aim to establish a comprehensive, sustainable, and impactful model of educational cooperation within Southeast Asia.

Can Tho University Students Shine at the 33rd SEA Games – A Proud Contribution to Vietnamese Sports

At the 2025 SEA Games, Can Tho University students made a remarkable impression on the regional sporting stage, making significant contributions to the overall achievements of the Vietnamese Sports Delegation. With an impressive haul of 09 Gold medals, 07 Silver medals, and 10 Bronze medals, Can Tho University student-athletes played an important role in helping Vietnam secure third place overall in the medal standings. These outstanding achievements not only brought glory to the nation but also spread a strong sense of pride, dedication, and the resilient spirit of Can Tho University's youth.

Among the standout athletes was Nguyen Huy Hoang, a student of Physical Education (Cohort 48), who continued to affirm his leading position in swimming by winning three Gold medals along with one Bronze medal. This marked his second consecutive SEA Games with outstanding performances, clearly demonstrating his competitive excellence and perseverance - hallmarks of student-athletes nurtured within the comprehensive training environment of Can Tho University, where talent, determination, and aspiration are continuously fostered.



In swimming, Pham Thanh Bao (Physical Education, Cohort 48) earned two Gold medals as well as one Bronze medal. Tran Hung Nguyen (Physical Education, Cohort 51) also left a strong mark with two Gold medals and two Silver medals. Meanwhile, Mai Tran Tuan Anh (Physical Education, Cohort 51) secured one Gold medal and two Silver medals. Cao Van Dung (Physical Education, Cohort 49) contributed one Bronze medal. Notably, Vo Thi My Tien (Physical Education, Cohort 49) enjoyed a memorable SEA Games, winning one Gold medal, three Silver medals, and five Bronze medals. In Judo, Duong Thanh Thanh (Physical Education, Cohort 49) achieved two Bronze medals.

The success at the 2025 SEA Games once again affirms Can Tho University's position not only as a leading center for education and research in the Mekong Delta, but also as a nurturing ground for young talents ready to contribute to the development of Vietnamese sports at regional and international levels. This achievement stands as a great source of pride for the entire University community and serves as a powerful inspiration for future generations of students to continue striving, reaching further, and demonstrating both the intellectual and athletic excellence of Can Tho University students.





Shaping Academic Spaces – Advancing Knowledge – Driving Collaboration for Sustainable Development:

Can Tho University Participated in the 59th Annual Conference of the Canadian Bureau for International Education (CBIE 2025) in Canada

From November 2 to 5, 2025, Can Tho University, together with the delegation of the International Cooperation Department - Ministry of Education and Training, participated in the 59th Annual Conference of the Canadian Bureau for International Education (CBIE 2025), held in Quebec City, Canada. The CBIE 2025 was the largest international education forum in Canada, aiming to foster connection – development – integration in the context of the globalization of higher education. This year's event brought together more than 1,300 leaders of educational institutions, international organizations, and government agencies from over 50 countries and territories around the world. The delegation from Can Tho University, led by Assoc. Prof. Dr. Tran Trung Tinh - Rector, actively engaged in meetings and discussions with leaders from more than 15 major universities in Canada and around the world. These interactions opened up numerous opportunities for collaboration in training, scientific research, and academic exchange. Discussions focused on student and credit transfer programs, short-term and long-term internships, research initiatives, scholarship, and faculty exchange mechanisms.



Can Tho University's participation in the CBIE 2025 marked a strategic step forward in the University's journey toward internationalization and global brand elevation in the global higher education landscape. The outcomes of the conference not only opened up practical and sustainable cooperation opportunities with reputable international partners but also contributed to enhancing Can Tho University's training quality, research capacity, and global competitiveness. This participation reaffirmed Can Tho University's strong commitment to its transformation into a regional university of international stature, actively contributing to the sustainable development of Vietnam and the world.

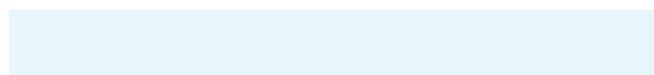
Can Tho University Hosts the 7th ASEAN+3 Rectors' Conference 2025 – A Convergence of Knowledge, Collaboration, and Vision

In the context of a rapidly evolving higher education landscape shaped by global challenges, Can Tho University affirms its stature and strategic role as the host of the 7th ASEAN+3 Rectors' Conference 2025. This high-level academic forum, recognized for its significant regional impact, serves as a gathering place for the intellect, vision, and aspirations of leading educational executives dedicated to shaping new directions for the sustainable development of higher education in the 21st century.

Held on 19 - 20 November 2025, the 7th ASEAN+3 Rectors' Conference - under the theme "Beyond Borders: Strengthening Networks, Sharing Excellence, and Advancing Sustainable ASEAN+3 Collaboration" - brings together more than 50 leaders from top universities across ASEAN, alongside three strategic partners from Japan, Korea, and China, who are members of the ASEAN+3 University Network (UNet). The event also welcomes representatives from government, international organizations, and over 150 domestic and international delegates. All gather at Can Tho University - a rising cultural, intellectual, scientific, and technological hub of the Mekong Delta that is steadily becoming Vietnam's gateway for regional and global academic connectivity.

The overarching objective of the conference is to enhance sustainable cooperation in higher education; strengthen linkages; promote knowledge sharing; and develop collective strategies to address regional challenges in an increasingly competitive global environment. Discussions focus on proposing new mechanisms for collaboration in education, research, and technology transfer; sharing best practices on health equity, digital health, food security, and sustainable agriculture; and exploring innovative applications of digital technologies, artificial intelligence (AI), drones, and smart systems to tackle emerging issues. These topics demonstrate a cross-disciplinary, cross-sector, and cross-regional approach that reflects the proactive, responsible, and aspirational spirit of the ASEAN+3 university community.

As the host institution, Can Tho University - a university of international stature across multiple fields, clearly demonstrates its commitment to the ASEAN+3 education network. The university continues to cultivate sustainable academic values, promote regionally impactful initiatives, and contribute meaningfully to addressing global challenges, including digital transformation in education, food security, smart agriculture, climate change adaptation, and sustainable development. The 7th ASEAN+3 Rectors' Conference 2025 is not only a strategic policy dialogue in higher education but also a powerful affirmation of Can Tho University's role in regional engagement. It reinforces the university's capacity to lead, connect, and mobilize international knowledge resources; strengthens its position in global academic cooperation; and opens new strategic pathways for Can Tho University to advance participation in multinational research programs, develop high-quality human resources with international competencies, and foster an innovation-driven ecosystem across ASEAN+3 - where knowledge, collaboration, and vision.



Vietnam - Japan Business Networking Forum: Unlocking the Commodity Potential of the Mekong Delta



The event aims to foster sustainable economic and trade cooperation across the Mekong Delta region. Through in-depth reports and panel discussions, the forum highlighted investment opportunities, current challenges, and key solutions to improve the regional investment environment. Participants were also introduced to notable collaborative initiatives, such as the development of high-quality “Made in Mekong” product chains under AEON’s private-label brand TOPVALU.

The forum reaffirmed the central role of Can Tho University and international organizations such as JICA in connecting and supporting enterprises to enhance production capacity, improve product quality, and strengthen workforce training and high-quality human resource development. The event also provided a venue for Japanese enterprises to share their expertise, quality standards, and product development orientations, thereby opening “WIN-WIN” cooperation opportunities, increasing the value of local commodities, and promoting sustainable development across the entire Mekong Delta.

20 Professional Activities, Over 50 Exhibition and Demonstration Booths, More than 500 Technology Products, and Over 1,000 Delegates at the Opening of CASTID 2025



CASTID 2025 opened with impressive figures and large-scale professional activities, notably inspiring strong confidence, determination, and broad consensus across the political system, the scientific community, educational institutions, businesses, and society regarding a development pathway driven by science, technology, innovation, and digital transformation. The event further reaffirmed the role of Can Tho University as a driving hub for science and technology in the Mekong Delta—where intellectual resources converge, strategic partnerships are forged, and innovation values

On December 4, 2025, to strengthen connectivity and enhance effective cooperation among government agencies, academic institutions, and the business communities of Vietnam and Japan, Can Tho University partnered with the People’s Committee of Can Tho City, JICA Vietnam, AEON Vietnam Co., Ltd., and Takesho Vietnam Co., Ltd. to convene the Vietnam - Japan Business Networking Forum under the theme “Unlocking the Commodity Potential of the Mekong Delta.”

The Vietnam - Japan Business Networking Forum served not only as a platform for dialogue among government agencies, academic institutions, and enterprises from both countries, but also as a strategic bridge for building a co-creation ecosystem linking academia, industry, and local authorities.

On December 16, 2025, Can Tho University, in coordination with the Can Tho City Department of Science and Technology and relevant partners, solemnly held the Opening Ceremony of the 2025 Can Tho City Science, Technology, Innovation and Digital Transformation Week (CASTID 2025). This marked the largest science, technology, and innovation event ever organized in the Mekong Delta, attracting a wide range of policymakers, scientists, businesses, experts, and startup communities from both Vietnam and abroad. CASTID 2025 took place from December 16 to 20, 2025, featuring more than 20 in-depth professional activities, over 50 exhibition and technology demonstration booths, and the introduction of more than 500 representative technological products, solutions, and innovation models. The event was expected to attract over 10,000 visitors and spanned a wide range of key fields, including artificial intelligence (AI), financial technology (Fintech), smart agriculture, green technologies, digital transformation, and innovation for sustainable development. The Week’s activities were closely aligned with the effective implementation of Resolution No. 57-NQ/TW dated December 22, 2024, of the Politburo on breakthroughs in science, technology, innovation, and national digital transformation, thereby fostering new breakthroughs, unlocking new knowledge, and connecting strategic resources to serve the sustainable development of Can Tho City in the nation’s new era of advancement.

are disseminated in support of sustainable development. With a solid foundation of close collaboration among government agencies, academia, businesses, and scientists, together with the active participation of domestic and international organizations and experts, CASTID 2025 opened up new directions and new momentum for the city's science, technology, innovation, and startup ecosystem. This serves as an important premise for Can Tho City to continue making breakthroughs, strengthening its regional leading role, and contributing to the realization of the Mekong Delta's aspiration for rapid, sustainable development and deep integration in the digital era.

The 12th Quarterly SDMD Dialogue 2025: “Breakthroughs in Science and Technology Development, Innovation, and National Digital Transformation in the New Era”



Within the framework of the Sustainable Development Forum for the Mekong Delta - Outlook 2045 (SDMD 2045), Can Tho University has taken the lead, in coordination with domestic and international partners, in organizing a series of quarterly online SDMD dialogues. Since 2022, eleven SDMD Dialogues have been successfully held, focusing on key issues of the Mekong Delta such as climate change, growth model transformation, science and technology, innovation, and human resource development. These dialogues have served as an important platform connecting policymakers, scientists, experts, businesses, and the community to share knowledge and experience, while promoting cooperation in research, application, and sustainable development across the Mekong Delta region.

Building on the positive outcomes of previous dialogues, on the morning of December 19, 2025, Can Tho University organized the 12th Quarterly SDMD Dialogue in a hybrid format under the theme “Breakthroughs in Science and Technology Development, Innovation, and National Digital Transformation in the New Era.” The event was held in person at the Can Tho University’s Administration Building and livestreamed via the SDMD 2045 Fanpage (<https://www.facebook.com/sdmd2045>), Can Tho University Fanpage (<https://www.facebook.com/CTUDHCT>), and the Zoom platform. This Dialogue was one of the key activities accompanying other major events during the Can Tho City Week of Science, Technology, Innovation, and Digital Transformation 2025 (CASTID 2025). The Dialogue was organized in the context of Vietnam’s strong nationwide implementation of Resolution No. 57-NQ/TW of the Politburo on breakthroughs in the development of science, technology, innovation, and national digital transformation, and Resolution No. 68-NQ/TW of the Politburo on private economic development. These major policy orientations open new opportunities for breakthrough development in the Mekong Delta - a region of strategic importance to the nation in agriculture, the marine economy, renewable energy, and the digital economy. The Dialogue clearly reflected the strong commitment to strategic cooperation among Local Government - Universities - Enterprises in creating new drivers, models, and partnerships for sustainable regional development, linking strategic thinking, scientific knowledge, practical solutions, and concrete action commitments from all stakeholders.

Within the framework of the program, Can Tho University signed cooperation agreements with seven partners, marking an important milestone in expanding collaborative relationships and opening up practical development pathways for the future. This demonstrated Can Tho University's strong commitment to translating discussion outcomes into long-term, substantive, and impactful cooperation. Through these agreements, the Local Government – University – Enterprise linkage model continues to be strengthened and expanded in a sustainable direction, laying a solid foundation for science and technology, innovation, and digital transformation to be effectively integrated into production and real-life applications, thereby promoting comprehensive and long-term development of the Mekong Delta.

Through the 12th Quarterly SDMD Dialogue, Can Tho University reaffirmed its role as a knowledge nucleus and strategic connector of the Mekong Delta -bringing together policy thinking, scientific knowledge, enterprise resources, and international cooperation. The discussions not only articulated visions and orientations but also strongly emphasized concrete actions, feasible solutions, and substantive cooperation models closely aligned with the needs of localities and enterprises.



Strategic Partnerships and International Collaboration: Can Tho University's Expanding Network:

Can Tho University and the University of Waterloo, Canada Signed a Memorandum of Understanding to Strengthen Collaboration in Education, Science – Technology, and Innovation

Within the framework of the working trip to the 59th Annual Conference of the Canadian Bureau for International Education (CBIE 2025) held in Quebec City, Canada, from November 2 to 5, 2025, Can Tho University and the University of Waterloo (Canada) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU), creating favorable conditions to further enhance and expand cooperation between the two universities in the coming years.



The Memorandum of Understanding between Can Tho University and the University of Waterloo not only opened up practical and sustainable opportunities for collaboration with one of Canada's top universities, but also contributed to enhancing Can Tho University's capacity in education, research, and innovation. This milestone represented an important step in Can Tho University's strategy for the internationalization of education, aiming to develop Can Tho University into a regional university of international stature - a center for training, research, and knowledge transfer in the Mekong Delta region. The partnership with the University of Waterloo also reaffirmed Can Tho University's strong commitment to building a dynamic ecosystem of education, research, and innovation, thereby contributing effectively to the sustainable development of Vietnam and the world.



Can Tho University Signs Memorandum of Understanding with The TOA Institution

With the aim of promoting international cooperation in the development of high-quality human resources, on the afternoon of December 17, 2025, Can Tho University held a working session and signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with The TOA Institution (East Asia Research Institute). The program was conducted in a hybrid format, combining in-person and online participation, at the Administration Building.

At the meeting, Can Tho University expressed its interest in developing bilateral cooperation with enterprises affiliated with The TOA Institution, particularly in key fields such as agriculture, economics, mechanical engineering, and technology. Representatives of the University also proposed innovating teaching organization and program design to enable students to participate in internship programs at Japanese enterprises. Through these initiatives, students will have opportunities to access advanced technologies and machinery, as well as gain hands-on experience in professional working environments.

The signing of the MoU opened up broad prospects for cooperation between the two sides across multiple fields, especially in education and training. This event represents a positive signal for strengthening international cooperation and enhancing training quality, while further affirming Can Tho University's position and role in human resource development in the Mekong Delta region and nationwide.



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E-Newsletter No. 10 highlights Can Tho University's key achievements in Q4 2025, a period marked by strong academic advancement, knowledge dissemination, and new development momentum amid national innovation and digital transformation. Notable progress includes strengthening the academic workforce, restructuring through specialized colleges, expanding education and training, and advancing research, innovation, international cooperation, and student development—shaping a dynamic, human-centered, and sustainable university ecosystem.

As a leading regional hub for education, research, and technology transfer, Can Tho University continues to affirm its mission in developing high-quality human resources, strengthening collaboration with stakeholders, and contributing to regional challenges such as food security, climate change, digital transformation, and sustainable development. The successful training of over 230,000 graduates reflects the University's lasting commitment to public service and social responsibility.



In the context of the country's accelerated implementation of major Party resolutions on science and technology, innovation, digital transformation, and private sector development, the achievements recorded in the fourth quarter of 2025 clearly demonstrate Can Tho University's determination and capacity for action on its journey toward becoming a regional and national hub for education, research, and innovation. These accomplishments form a solid foundation as the University enters 2026, approaching the 60th anniversary of its establishment with renewed momentum, a long-term vision, and a strong aspiration to further disseminate knowledge; accompany the rapid, sustainable, and deep integration of Can Tho City and the Mekong Delta; and make meaningful contributions to the nation's sustainable development strategy—thereby affirming the position of Vietnamese higher education within the global knowledge landscape.

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