

The 7th IATSS Forum International Alumni Meeting has successfully finished



The 7th IATSS Forum International Alumni Meeting took place between June 21st and June 24th in Hanoi, Vietnam.

This year 2013 is the 40th Anniversary of the Japan-Vietnam and Japan-ASEAN diplomatic relations. This year, the 7th IATSS Forum International Alumni Meeting has formally been registered as a “Japan-Vietnam Diplomatic Year” by the embassy of Japan in Vietnam. It has also been noted as “40th Year of ASEAN-Japan Friendship and Cooperation” by the ministry of foreign affairs

During the reunion, 80 alumni from nine Asian countries came together in addition to approximately 100 people from the IATSS forum committee, the Embassy of Japan in Vietnam and Honda Vietnam.

A full day meeting took place on July 22nd. During the meeting, the Japanese committee chairperson shared “Suzuka Declaration 2012”, the information about the future of the IATSS forum with the alumni. Prior to the meeting, questionnaires were conducted with 850 alumni in order to investigate how the IATSS training has affected the alumni’s lives. The result was reported by the president of the Vietnam Alumni Association.

In the afternoon, the alumni discussed how to promote the IATSS forum to young people in ASEAN and how to maximize the use of the varied experiences that they acquired and learned from the IATSS forum.

The results of the meeting were summarized into a document called “the Hanoi Declaration 2013”. The representatives from each country signed the document and promised to promote IATSS in their

country.

We, as the IATSS staff, would like to express our great appreciation to the participants of the reunion, the people who were involved with this reunion and especially to the IATSS Forum Vietnamese Alumni Association. Without their dedication and tremendous efforts, we could not provide such a friendly environment where the alumni could ever deepen their friendship. We strongly believe that this reunion has strengthened our relations which will lead to consistent development of the IATSS forum.



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