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From Viet Nam to the International College, KMUTNB, and onward to a professional role connecting Thailand and Viet Nam, Nguyen Thu Anh’s journey reflects how an international education can extend far beyond the classroom.



An ITBL 03 alumna, Nguyen Thu Anh now works at the Royal Thai Embassy in Hanoi, where communication across cultures, coordination, and an understanding of different perspectives are part of her professional life. Looking back, she sees her years at the International College as an important foundation for the skills she uses today.

“Currently, I serve as a Business Coordinator at the Royal Thai Embassy in Hanoi. My role involves facilitating economic relations, supporting the Thai private sector, and coordinating diplomatic activities between Thailand and Viet Nam.

“The International College prepared me in many ways for this position, first by providing a diverse, multicultural environment. I had chances to study with many foreign lecturers and friends, with sharpened my intercultural communication skills, especially because one of my most memorable experiences was the exchange summer school in Jönköping, Sweden. This has been essential in working with foreign officials as well as domestic and international organizations and enterprises.

“Through various collaborative assignments and club events at the College, I learned how to manage timelines, coordinate team efforts, and handle resources efficiently. These skills are now vital as I oversee some projects related to the economic section at the Embassy. Additionally, the academic curriculum improved my analytical thinking and research skills, helping me to provide accurate and timely reports.”



For Nguyen Thu Anh, the connection between university learning and professional practice became particularly clear when classroom collaboration turned into real-world coordination. Working at the Embassy requires her to engage with government agencies, business partners, and event participants while managing multiple responsibilities toward a shared objective.

The management, problem-solving, and negotiation skills developed during her university years have therefore become practical tools in her professional work.

“Among the College’s group projects, I learned skills that now directly help me in my current work. The Embassy regularly organizes annual events, and as an organizer, I need to work with many counterparts, from government agencies and business partners to all event participants. For instance, my team was tasked with organizing an economic forum to promote the connection and investment between Thailand and Viet Nam. We developed a detailed implementation plan, assigning roles and responsibilities to team members such as invitations, guest reception, logistics, event content, B2B fairs and networking, and cost management. With the skills acquired during my university years, I am committed to maintaining a seamless workflow and ensuring that all project milestones are met.”



Yet professional readiness for Nguyen Thu Anh extends beyond project management. Her experience also demonstrates the importance of an international mindset and cross-cultural understanding—particularly in her role connecting Thailand and Viet Nam.



For Nguyen Thu Anh, cross-cultural communication is not simply about communicating in another language. It also involves understanding intentions, seeing issues from different perspectives, building trust, and adapting effectively when working with people from diverse backgrounds.

“The international mindset and cross-cultural skills I gained at the International College have contributed to my positive performance not only at the Embassy, but also in my daily life. They have helped me ‘translate’ intentions, not just words, between Thailand and Viet Nam, as well as approach issues from multiple perspectives to achieve more effective communication and faster trust-building with counterparts. Moreover, these skills have equipped me with cultural agility, allowing me to collaborate seamlessly with diverse teams. I stay open-minded towards new ideas and changes to ensure my team stays connected and performs at its best to always identify the most optimal solutions.”

“The three most valuable assets I gained from the International College that gave me the confidence to step into the fast-paced working world would be: (1) a Global Problem-Solving Mindset, which allows me to view and analyze issues through various lenses; (2) High Adaptability: studying and working in a multicultural environment that helped me overcome the fear of change or high-pressure work; and (3) Professional Communication: the College prepared me with professional communication skills for the workplace, including language proficiency, clarity in verbal and written communication, and active listening.”

For Nguyen Thu Anh, however, the value of studying at the International College reaches beyond preparation for a particular career. Her experience represents a broader journey of learning how to collaborate, adapt, communicate, and engage with an increasingly interconnected world.

It is this perspective that Nguyen Thu Anh would like to pass on to prospective and current students of the International College, KMUTNB

“To my juniors, studying at the International College, KMUTNB, is more than just obtaining a degree; it’s a journey to becoming a global citizen. Every project and collaboration at IC is a rehearsal for the real world, offering you unique opportunities to practice and learn. Stay open-minded, supportive, and enjoy!!!”

As the International College celebrates its 12th anniversary, Nguyen Thu Anh’s journey also becomes part of the College’s continuing story—from the experiences and friendships formed during her four years at KMUTNB to a professional career that now contributes to connections between Thailand and Viet Nam.



Looking back with gratitude while also looking toward the College’s future, Nguyen Thu Anh closes her Alumni Highlight with a message for the institution, its teachers, friends, and future generations of students.

“Warmest congratulations to the International College on its 12th Anniversary! I am grateful for the four years I spent studying at KMUTNB, for the opportunities the College gave me, for all the teachers and friends, and for all the great memories. I wish the International College and its students continued growth and many more milestones ahead. May the next chapter be even more brilliant than the last! Happy 12th Anniversary!”

