

DESIGN OF NEW HANOI MEDICAL COLLEGE DISCUSSED

✓ Excerpts from article by DTH: "The Design of the New Medical College"; Hanoi, Hanoi Moi, Vietnamese, 15 July 1973, p 2 ✓

I visited the design office of the College of Construction with the intention of trying to gain an understanding of the contributions the various designers and engineers in this office have made with respect to changing the appearance of Hanoi.

The chief of the office, Hoang Huy Thang, familiarized me with one of the jobs they are performing: designing the new medical college of Hanoi. This task was assigned to a group of instructors at the college.

I then went to meet with Tu Thanh, the person in charge of the project, to ask him more detailed questions.

"The new medical college -- Tu Thanh said -- lies to the south of Hanoi and will be a research and educational center for 3,000 students and include more than 10 major faculties (a number of other faculties will operate in the Bach Mai Public Health Center). Our present job is to design the main educational facilities of the school. The land on which the school will be built lies to the north of the Kim Lien area, to the south of the Tau Bay Road on the other side of the small lake, and not far to the west of the Bach Mai Hospital. The main educational facility is comprised of financial and administrative blocks called A1 and A2, three classroom blocks for the various departments, B1, B2, and B3, each of which is 100 meters long (each department is generally divided into two areas: scientific research by cadres and collective studying by students), four lecture halls, a library with reading rooms and book storage areas (A4), and

a 700 seat conference hall which can be used for holding meetings, showing films, and art performances (A5).

Naturally, we have encountered numerous difficulties because a number of old buildings which were designed and built have affected the plan. The amount of area allocated for the school has been decreased until there is only about 40 square meters per student (the standard of the state Capital Construction Design Commission is 60 square meters and the standard of all other countries is 100 square meters)."

PHOTO CAPTIONS

1. p 2. View from the west (above) and view from the south (below) of the educational facility of the new College of Medicine. Construction Chief: Dang Thai Hoang; Structural Chief: Doan Dinh Kien; Design: Nguyen Canh San.

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