

PARTICIPANTS ATTENDING ASPA CONFERENCE

Ph.D.s

Tran Qui THAN. Arrived in the U.S. last July - remained at Michigan State until September when he entered Cornell University School of Business Administration. He has a B.Sc. in Economics from London University, a certificate from the London School of Economics and the Graduate Institute of International Studies in Switzerland. He changed his major from Administrative Process to Managerial Economics just prior to taking his qualifying exams. He passed these exams and is currently in the Ph.D. program. He has been granted a leave from Cornell for one semester to take certain courses at Columbia (his wife is currently interning in pediatrics at Bellevue).

CAO TOAN. He arrived at the same time as Than. He is an NIA and University of Saigon law graduate. Our attempts to provide some special tutoring in Economics and English (both of which he needed) during his stay on campus last summer did not succeed too well. Consequently he has really been working hard to make the grade at Columbia during the first semester. His grades are not the highest (a B and a C) but considering the handicaps he has done very well. The presumption is that Columbia will not admit anyone to the Ph.D. program until they have completed their M.A. Toan has already sent me a list of the courses he expects to take in summer school (more than the university will allow). His particular interest is not applied but economic theory in the field of International Trade and Finance.

Mrs. Le Thi BACH-LAN. Arrived in January for the beginning of the second semester at Columbia. There had been much difficulty in getting her accepted at any university due to a letter of recommendation? from one of her tutors at St. Hilda's College, Oxford. She has been working with Dr. Montgomery and I suspect that it is the combination of strong letters from him and Dr. Smuckler that finally did the trick. Generally agreed that she is a strong willed individual (not a Vietnamese type female) who will manage to get her own way. Disagreement between her backers and others who felt that she would not be worth the trouble she would cause the project and also the possibility that not discounting her concentrated effort she might not really be Ph.D. material. A recent request from Saigon suggests that she be requested to continue her major in public administration rather than foreign institutions which she infers Professor Moreley is suggesting she undertake.

Vinh THO. Arrived in September for one year in personnel administration. On campus for one quarter (courses in P.A. too elementary). Suggested that really he should be studying foreign affairs - Saigon concurred to the extent of one course so that he is now taking a personnel and an international organizations courses at American University. Considered about the 2nd man in the Fonction Publique (CSC) but has strong convictions that only the top personnel should be sent for training in the States. He has attended a Pigors seminar on the Incident Process, a conference on International Administration (ASPA) and one sponsored by the Society for International Development (their first).

Pham Van NGU. Arrived last March in time for Spring Quarter at MSU. Since this time he has attended American University (during the Summer Quarter), completed an extended field trip arranged for a group of four participants by the Systems and Procedures Association and the National Office Management Association in August. Beginning last October he has been attending the Administrative Management Program set up by ICA at American University and has currently been extended for the purpose of completing the practical (in-service and applied ideas) portion in April and May. He has recently completed a field trip which included Atlanta and Miami and attended the seminar given in West Virginia by personnel from MSU Communications Arts under a contract with ICA to provide training in communications for returning participants. One of our most eager, enthusiastic and seeking participants. From the Office of the Inspector General.
Le Dinh CHAN.

Tran Ngoc PHAT

Bui Quang KHANH.