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Happy

Independence Day

to all our

Indonesian students

August 17<sup>th</sup>!

ELSPM remembers

the 28 students from

Indonesia – students

past and present.



## Introducing our new Intermediate students

### John Cho

You can call me John. I'm thirty-two years old. There are three words to describe me: funny, enthusiastic and sociable.

I'm a religious of the Blessed Sacrament congregation. I made my first vows on August 1<sup>st</sup> 2019.

I was born and grew up in Ha Tinh Province. Now, I am living in Ho Chi Minh City, which is the largest commercial center in Vietnam. This city has the famous Immaculate Conception Cathedral Basilica and museums.

The weather in Ho Chi Minh City is quite special compared to other regions of Vietnam as it only has two seasons: rainy and sunny. I like the sunny season better than the rainy season.

As a traditional family in Vietnam, I have a big one. My family has 6 members, including my mother and three brothers, one sister and in the end it's me, the youngest. My mother is 68 years old and my brothers and sisters are all married. My father passed away very early when I was only two months old. The family is important for me.

The special celebration of my nation is the traditional New Year. On Tet holiday, everybody wishes each other good things and children receive lucky money from adults. Every house is decorated with peach or apricot trees. That is really a joyful day.



### Tien



My name's Tien. I am a student of the Passionist Congregation of Viet Nam. I come from Dong Thap Province. This is a province in the south of Viet Nam. I was born and grew up there. My village is far away and about two kilometers from the border of Cambodia.

My family has six members. These are my parents, a sister, two brothers and me. My parents are farmers. My sister and brothers are workers. I love my family so much because they gave me so many good things.

My village has some places that attract tourists such as the Tomb of Nguyen Sinh Sac (Father of Ho Chi Minh) Tram Chun National Park, Huynh Thuy Le Old House and Sa Dec flower Market. Besides that there are many places that will be for tourists in the future.

Because my village is near Cambodia this is where there are many special celebrations of the two nations. All the people live friendly and helpful lives.

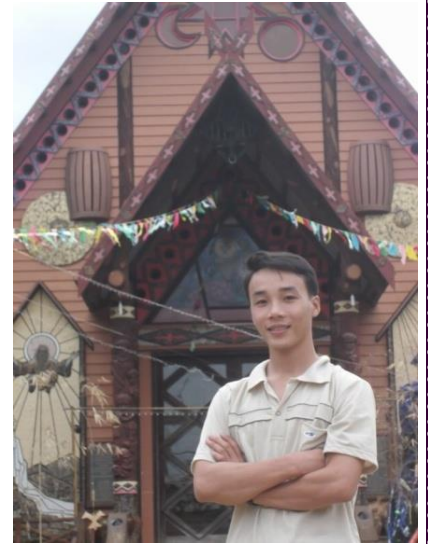
## Peter Dung

I am Peter Dung. I am thirty-one years old. I come from the middle of Viet Nam. For more detail, I was born and raised in Ha Tinh Province which is one of the poor cities of Viet Nam. Now, I am a religious of the Congregation of The Blessed Sacrament.

I have a small family, including my parents, two brothers and me. The second one is five years less than me. He is now living in Korea to study. The other is twelve years younger than me. Currently, he is a first-year student at the University of Da Nang. My parents are fishermen. They work hard on the river near my house.

My countryside has four full seasons. It is extremely cold in the winter, but it is very hot in the summer. The temperature in the summer sometimes comes to 40 celsius. My countryside is called the land “dog eats stone, chicken eats soil”. But there are many locations of history popular for tourists. The people coming from there are sociable and friendly. It is the home of many national figures such as: Phan Dinh Phung, Xuan Dieu... one of them is Nguyen Du who is the author of Kim Van Kieu.

One of the special celebrations of my country is Tet holiday. On that day, everyone from the whole of my country will come back home to live together with their family to welcome the new year. We give each other a lot of happy words, prayers, and specially “lucky money”. I love my country.



## Phuc

Hello everyone. I would like to introduce myself. Phuc is my name. You can call me JP. It stands for Joseph Phuc. I am 26 years old this year. I was born and raised up in the province belonging to MeKong Delta named Kien Giang.

There are four members in my family and I am the youngest of two sisters and a brother. My mother passed away on the day I was born and my father raised me up since then.

My favourites are reading books, watching movies, jogging and travelling. I always keep smiling because it helps me to properly

discharge my stress.

After graduating from high school, I moved to Ho Chi Minh City. I took the entrance exam for College, my major was Physiotherapy. I worked for year as a Physiotherapist.

Now I will tell you a little about my hometown. It is quite serene and mild. There is a large river in front of my house and a huge rice field which is about one kilometer behind the house. All of these unique things create a beautiful place.

The weather is hot, however, there is refreshing breezes from the trees and the river. Dwellers are easy going and honest. Furthermore, the landscape is so fantastic it may be a good place for satisfying your passion for taking photos. There are many large fields and most the harvested rice will be exported to other countries. I had a very beautiful and memorable childhood in my hometown.

## Trong

I am going to talk about the place I come from. I come from Binh Duong province which is a village in the south of Vietnam. There are not many buildings here so the air is more fresh and clean.

I live in this province with my family. My family has 4 people including my father, my mother, my younger brother, and me. My father is a breeder at his farm. He breeds a lot of pigs to support everyone. My mother is a good housewife. Every day I can eat delicious dishes that she cooks. She takes care of her family very well.

Sometimes, when I have troubles in my life I usually talk with her to share my story. After that, I feel better when I have got some advice from her. My brother is 20 years old this year. Now he is a student at the college of foreign economic relations. He is in the second year of this school.

My hometown is a peaceful land. The people are quite countrified and reconciled with nature. So they plant a lot of trees in order to both protect the environment and make use of them. Besides, the streets are quite clear and there are no traffic jams. I fancy riding my bike on the long road under the shade of trees. Moreover, my home town has many festivals, especially Tet holiday where you will be able to play interesting games and enjoy delicious food.

Binh Duong is a great place to stay, and I love my homeland very much.



## Krisna



My name is Antonius Kristanto. My Friends always call me Krisna. I was born in Jakarta on September, 16, 1995. My mother's name is Maria Goreti and my father's name Sely Angeli Yosep. I have three brothers and four sisters. I am from a big family. Two of my sisters are twins. I am from Indonesia especially Flores, East Nusa Tenggara. Flores is an island that has many regions. Mine is Ende region. Probably, you ever heard of Kelimutu Lake? Yeah, Kelimutu Lake is one of the most popular tourist destinations in Indonesia and you know, it is in Ende regency. It makes me so proud!.

The weather in Ende is the same as other places in Flores and commonly in Indonesia. There has two seasons. They are summer and the rain season.

But I want to make sure you know that in Ende you will find something which is different than other places in Flores. I invite you to visit my place. I'm sure you won't be disappointed if you go my place, Ende region.

In Ende you will see traditional houses that are made of wood or sometimes of bamboo. In these houses in the corner of the house there is one place to leave foods for the perpetual spirit from the tribe. Not only that but also in Ende especially lio's tribe there is a unique celebration. It is *ka are po'o*. Finally, i invite you to see my good place. I would be so glad if you can come and see the wonderful places in Flores, especially in Ende region.

## Introducing our current Pre-Intermediate students



### Huy

My name is **Huy**. I come from Viet Nam. I am twenty-eight years old. I was born and raised in Hi Chi Minh City, and for me there is no place that is as good as this. I have a big family which includes my grandparents and two families of my aunts and uncles. My small family has two people, my mother and me. My mother is a housewife and a seller in Tam Ha Market.

Hi Chi Minh City has another name as Sai Gon, and people who live here usually call it by that name. Sai Gon is in the south of Vietnam so it has a cool climate and is comfortable. People

mostly know about this place as a busy and crowded city, but Sai Gon actually has another lovely side. After endless ranges of high buildings there are small alleys which have a combination of modern and traditional values.

Sai Gon is special and it leaves an unforgettable impression on people who spend a while living there.

### Peter

My Christian name is **Peter**, I am 37 years old. I was born in a family with 9 brothers and sisters. My seven siblings are married and one sister has died. I am fifth in my family. My parents are healthy and they are farmers. I graduated from university in 2009, my major was History Culture.

My family lives near by the sea in Province Nghe An, District Dien Chau, North of the middle of Vietnam. My village has fisheries, so that my homeland has a really fresh and very clean climate. Of course it is a peaceful village.

My country has a lot of places for tourists, for example, Our Lady of Saigon Church, Capital President Nguyen Van Thieu, Old City Hoi An – Da Nang, Island Binh Ba - Nha Trang, Da Lat City, Vung Tau, Island Phu Quoc, Tay Nguyen, Hue City, Ha Noi and Ha Long Bay. These places have very beautiful views and unique landscapes.

Vietnam is a tropical country, so that there are a lot of fruit and vegetables, for example Sau Rieng, strawberry, apple, banana, apricot, ambarella, avocado, coconut,, dragonfruit, grapes, pomelo, jackfruit, kumquat, lemon and especially coffee. When you come to Vietnam, don't forget to taste a cup of coffee and enjoy the food, for instance Mango Prawn Salad, Pomelo Shrimp Salad, Grilled Prawns and Grilled Pork, Fried Rice Paper Rolls and especially Pho and Bread Bate. Pho and Bread Bate are famous.



**Nam** Today I am very happy to be here to introduce my home town. I was born and grew up in Quang Binh Province. Now I'm thirty years old. I remember that when I was eighteen I had to leave my family to go to Hoi An old city to study at university. I graduated from Phan Chau Trinh about four years ago.

Now I want to share with you about my family. My hometown is a special place because there are many beautiful caves on the mountains. My hometown has Phong Nha Caves International Park. There are many foreigners who visit every year. I'm very happy that I was born there and when I'm going to live anywhere else I always remember where I was born.

My family has eight people. There are my parents, two sisters, three brothers and me. My grandparents died over four years ago. My parents are sixty-four years and my sisters and brothers are married. Now my family is a big family.

Finally I want to share with you about my trips. The first time I went to a foreign nations country was about four years ago. I had a beautiful trip – twenty days in Singapore.



## Trong

Today I would like to introduce the place I come from. It is called Dong Nai Province.

First I will tell about my family. My family includes eight people, my parents, an older sister, four older brothers and me. My father is a farmer, my mother is a housewife and my siblings are workers. I'm a student of the Passionists.

The climate in my hometown is good and there are two seasons. The rainy season starts in April and ends in July and the sunny season is from August to March.

My favourite place is Da Lat city that belongs to Lam Dong province because Da Lat city has an atmosphere that is fresh and the weather is cool. People go to Da Lat city to rest and there are so many tourist places that I can choose. Da Lat city is called the city of a thousand flowers. Besides, the citizens are friendly and kind. When I go there by my motorbike, I can enjoy a lot of beautiful views and take some photos. I really like Da Lat city and it's a good idea for a holiday.

Thank you for these introductions students. Hoping to receive some contributions from past or present students for the next edition. Please share your talents, news, memories and photos. Send to the editor:

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