

H.E.Mr. Jean-Noel Porier, France's Ambassador to Vietnam, on March 9 in Ha Noi presented the French Order of Arts and Literature to Mr. Pham The Khang, former Director of the National Library of Viet Nam (NLV).

Mr. Pham The Khang has made great, valuable contributions in popularizing the French language and culture to Vietnamese people, including the preservation of French- language cultural materials, as well as boosting the cooperation between the National Library of France and the National Library of Viet Nam, said the French Ambassador at the award ceremony.

Currently, NLV is still actively deploying professional activities related to the preservation, restoration, digitization the old French books for the purpose of facilitating the access to the precious knowledge stored in digital form for wider public users, while conserving the original, historical documents.

Speaking at the ceremony, Mr. Pham The Khang expressed the honor and appreciation to the French Embassy for recognizing and awarding the Order of Arts and Literature to him.

The efforts of NLV and particularly of Mr. Pham The Khang individually in recent years have contributed to strengthen bilateral relations between Viet Nam - France in the field of culture, literature, art.

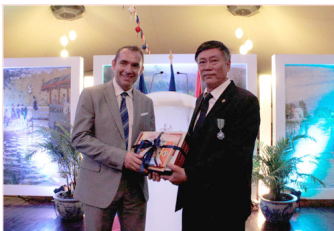
Photos at the event:



H.E.Mr. Jean - Noël Porier - France's Ambassador to Vietnam delivers speech at the Ceremony



H.E.Mr. Jean - Noël Porier - France's Ambassador to Vietnam awards the French Order of Arts and Literature to Mr. Pham The Khang



Mr. Pham The Khang presents a gift to Mr. Ambassador



NLV's Management presents flowers to congratulate Mr. Pham The Khang



Vietnamese Library Association's representatives present flowers to congratulate Mr. Pham The Khang



Souvenir photograph with officials from NLV

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