

On 5th November, 2015, Mr. Wilfred Hulzebosch, Coordinator of the project "The EU Public Diplomacy and Outreach in Vietnam" (EU - PDO) has awarded a special publication on the 25-year cooperation relations between the European Union and Vietnam to the National Library of Vietnam (NLV). The author of the book, Professor Andrew Hardy also showed up at the reception.



Mrs Kieu Thuy Nga, Director of the NLV receiving the book “History of the Viet Nam-European Union Relationship 1990-2015”

The book "History of the Vietnam – European Union Relationship 1990-2015" was published on the occasion of the 25th establishment of diplomatic relations between Vietnam and the European Union (EU). The content is a vivid and engaging narrative about the key milestones in the development of relations between two sides: the initially friendly relationship that merely focuses on aids has gradually developed into a more significant partnership, including political dialogue and tight connections on investment and economy.

At the reception, Mr. Hulzebosch has introduced to the Director of NLV about the book and assumed that, with the cooperation of NLV, the book will be sent to around 60 libraries across the country. Particularly, Mr. Hulzebosch expressed his excitement when the NLV had agreed to receive "the gift of friendship between EU - Vietnam", as well as looked forward to cooperating with the NLV in future projects.

Mrs. Kieu Thuy Nga - Director of the NLV, speaking on behalf of the 60 libraries that are given these books, thanked to the EU Delegation and stated: "This is a meaningful gift to Vietnam libraries, helping Vietnamese readers get a comprehensive picture on the cooperation

relations of Vietnam - EU for the last 25 years." The Director affirmed, the NLV are always open to promote cooperation programs with the EU in the near future on the basis of highly appreciating the existing cooperation activities between the EU Delegation and the Embassies of EU Member States with the NLV in collaborating and hosting cultural exchange events and activities of Vietnam - EU in the library.

Through introducing his book, Professor Andrew Hardy said, there are numerous topics that are mentioned and described, ranging from an initial target of humanitarian aids to cooperation on culture, technique, international trade and multilateralisation. Besides stated values of the European Union, the book acted out Vietnam's historical period also.

After the book reception, Mr Hulzebosch and Professor Andrew Hardy took a tour to visit the NLV.



Professor Andrew Hardy looking up his work via the NLV's database

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