On 11th May, 2012, "European Literature Days", which has twice taken place, was raised at National Library of Vietnam with various exciting activities.

This literature event was started with an Exhibition which presented more than 300 typical literature works of writers, poets and philosophers, ... from United Kingdom, Poland, Belgium, Denmark, Germany, France, Spain. They are stored at National Library of Vietnam and translated into Vietnamese by Vietnamese and foreign translators.



Vice Minister of Ministry of Culture, Sports & Tourism - Ho Anh Tuan is presenting at the opening ceremony

At the opening ceremony, Ho Anh Tuan - Vice Minister of Ministry of Culture, Sports & Tourism emphasized that these displayed works in this event are a colorful picture and interference between different culture backgrounds. Simultaneously, Vice Minister also delivered a message: "Let's read books proactively, and consider it as the most important method to obtain human quintessence, respect the values that we had, are having and will have so that we shall appreciate our lives more and help increase knowledge as well as cultural exchange among Vietnam and the world."



United Kingdom's Ambassador in Vietnam – Antony Stokes

At the ceremony, Antony Stokes - United Kingdom's Ambassador in Vietnam also expressed the hope that these similar events would be a bridge to connect European Literature with Vietnam and wished that there would be more Vietnam Literature works in Europe in the future.



The author of the series "Mr Gum" – Andy Stanton is exchanging with young Vietnamese readers

Also during the ceremony, readers had an opportunity to meet and exchange with Andy Stanton, a British writer, whose the famous "Mr Gum" series are the favorite of many children around the world. These series are published in more than 30 countries, translated into 22 languages, and have achieved many awards such as: Red House Children Book Award and Roald Dahl Funn Award. Related to these series, Nha Nam Publishing House and British Council have created a competition "Write and draw about Mr Gum". The outstanding works were awarded during the opening ceremony.





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