

It is the place in the world where you can see the sun early. When you are here, every season serves up fresh perspectives : the sizzling yellows of summer; the smoky greens of winter; the dewy promise of spring, the earthy treasures of autumn, the country of many amazing animals, the people are incredibly friendly.... There is no place like it in this world. If you are wandering where this magic place is, you don't have to look too far. Yet, you will find it between your deepest dreams and warmest wishes in Australia land of the Kangaroo. I consider myself privileged and honored to participate in the program in Australia as a visiting fellow sponsored by The Hoc Mai Foundation for a period of two months which was started on 10 June – 11 August 2007.

The training is undertaken in affiliated departments of medical institutions in Australia in my field of interest: Royal Adelaide Hospital in Adelaide – South Australia, North West Regional Hospital, Burnie and last one was Royal Hobart Hospital in Hobart of Tasmania.

Injuries are major public health problem in VietNam and becoming the leading cause of death in hospital with nearly 40 deaths by traffic injury everyday. In the mean time prevention and treatment efforts are still not up to the rising needs, especially the pre-hospital care. So this placement was very important occasion to learn the outputs of trauma project to developing countries as VietNam.

Having the Hoc Mai experience included observation, clinical discussion, conferences, operating theatre and trauma services as well as rural and metropolitan ambulance services. In this way I can improve my knowledge and experience in trauma care. I hope to be able to serve our country by using all the knowledge that I have learned over this period.

I was particularly impressed with the very well organized patient management systems in the pre-hospital area. One striking difference which I noticed here was the attitude of the patient for not showing their feelings about their diseases and always show gratitude and thankful to everyone in these hospitals. While reaching the hospital, the patients were guided and escorted kindly by hospital staff and by volunteers. I was also very interested in the ambulance service system, primary trauma care (PTC), communication and dispatching organization which can serve the trauma patient with the high quality.

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I do hope that the Hoc Mai Foundation will continue to provide the assistance on medical funding capacity to Vietnam. Last but not least, wish to express my conviction that existing excellent relationship and good cooperation between our two countries will be further developed and strengthened in the years to come.

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**Thank You – Cam On.**