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Wildlife Veterinary seminar for young veterinarians and conservationists in Vietnam

On the 2nd of December 2018, a Wildlife Veterinary Seminar was held with expert national and international guest speakers presenting to over 200 students at the Vietnam National University of Agriculture. The event was a wonderful opportunity for young students who are interested in becoming veterinarians and conservationists in the future to gain more knowledge on environmental issues and wildlife diseases as well as learning about the work of professional conservationists and conservation NGOs.

During the seminar, the audience heard informative talks from four established veterinarians and conservationists: Dr. Nguyen Ba Tiep, Head of the Department of Anatomy-Histology-Embryology of Vietnam National University of Agriculture, Rafid Shidqi, Project Manager of Thresher Shark Project Indonesia, Dr. Shaun Thomson, Senior Veterinary Surgeon of Animals Asia's Vietnam



The Wildlife Veterinary Seminar took place successfully at Vietnam National University of Agriculture on the 2nd of December 2018

National University of Agriculture, Rafid Shidqi, Project Manager of Thresher Shark Project Indonesia, Dr. Shaun Thomson, Senior Veterinary Surgeon of Animals Asia's Vietnam Bear Rescue Centre, and M.S. Nguyen Tai Thang, Field Officer of Asian Turtle Program (ATP) of Indo Myanmar Conservation (IMC). Presenters shared their experiences, difficulties and challenges related to their work. Notably, Thang delivered an interesting speech on his work as a conservationist with a focus on the world's most endangered turtle, the Swinhoe's Softshell Turtle (*Rafetus swinhoei*), best known in Vietnam for the cultural importance of the Hoan Kiem Turtle of this species which used to inhabit central Hanoi's Hoan Kiem Lake.

A special thanks goes to Vietnam National University of Agriculture as well as Wildhand for organizing such a fantastic event.



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Thang delivered a presentation on wildlife conservation with a focus on Swinhoe's Softshell Turtle (*Rafetus swinhoei*).
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Guest speakers shared experiences, difficulties and challenges related to their work. Photo credit: Wildhand



An interesting question raised by a member of the audience.
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