Invitation for a Public Health and Medical Mission
to Central Highland Region, Vietnam

The International Community Initiatives (ICI) invites healthcare and public health professionals and students with experiences and/or a passion in global health to join our **Public Health & Medical Mission to Vietnam, specifically to several areas in the Central Highland Region from December 3 to 17, 2024.** Working dates will be December 5-16, 2024. Traveling dates will be December 3-4 and December 17 with optional cultural experiences and sightseeing on December 17-19, 2024. Please note that the itinerary may be subject to minor changes pending final confirmation. Mission cost including roundtrip airfare is estimated at U.S. $3,600. Attendees will also help with fundraising activity prior to the trip. **A $150 deposit for confirmation and contribution towards mission planning and training fee will be due June 15, 2024**. Please make check payable to ICI and write "Vietnam 2024 Mission Planning Fee" on the check memo line.

This global health service-learning experience and opportunity is facilitated by an academic-community partnership between ICI, a 501(c)3 non-profit organization, and the University of Maryland Eastern Shore (UMES) School of Pharmacy and Health Professions. The mission is being led, organized and supported by UMES faculty, in collaboration with ICI and host sites Vietnam. For more information, including photos and videos, of previous ICI missions, please visit ICI website at www.icius.org.

Who Are Invited?
- Healthcare / public health professionals who are passionate in global health and willing to volunteer
- Students who are passionate in global health with interest to complete an internship, capstone project, or clinical rotation in a graduate or professional degree program at a higher education/institution.
- Any other volunteers who have a passion and are willing to provide service and support during mission.

Activities and opportunities for pre-mission, mission and post-mission include but not limited to the following:
Pre-Mission
- Apply healthcare resources to develop and implement a health education and medical mission program
- Prepare medications and supplies, including inventory, packaging, and transport as applicable
- Support fundraising efforts to contribute towards mission trip cost
- Learn about common tropical diseases and their treatments and demonstrate basic physical assessment
- Attend a basic training on Vietnamese language and culture for professionals/travelers as applicable
During Mission
- Provide training for clinic staff and health education for patients/residents in rural communities on cardiovascular diseases, diabetes, osteoporosis, smoking cessation through interprofessional practice
- Provide patient care in a primary care clinic and dispense medications in a pharmacy
- Update needs assessment of public health / healthcare challenges for future missions
Post-Mission
- Reflect on mission experiences and prepare summary with after action report
- Present to ICI's stakeholders and UMES faculty and students on mission and prepare articles
- Support fundraising activities and/or grant to prepare for current and future missions

Interested individuals should submit an application, letter of interest, and CV/resume by June 15, 2024.
For information or questions, contact mission leader Hoai-An Truong, PharmD, MPH by e-mail at hoaian.truong@icius.org with Subject **RE: ICI 2024 Mission** or by telephone at 240-401-4284. Thanks.

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