

Kristina Shreshta, Vietnam, Winter 2008

My name is Kristina Shreshta. I am presently in Vietnam on an internship with Uniterra. Our organization works on several issues such as gender, agriculture, and primary education. But for my work, I focus on strengthening relations between Canadian Universities and Vietnamese Universities. That work also touches on gender aspects along with environmental.



Vietnam is going well. We just came recently back from Nha Trang, the south of Vietnam for the Uniterra Asia meeting. It was nice and hot there. There at the meeting I was a note-taker. Mostly I have been working on designing a summer program for Vietnam WUSC and have been editing proposals. I have also assisted my supervisor in creating her powerpoint for her presentation at the Uniterra meeting.



On Saturdays I teach English with my two other colleagues (Odia and Annick) at the Business school for disadvantaged youth. My next project will be assisting in the University mission in Vietnam (I will know more information next week when I start it). I work 9-5 Monday to Friday, and I have the weekend's off. I choose to use Saturday to teach English. Sundays I usually catch up on school work such as our required 25 page report. In the evenings we either go out for dinner, or walk around in the downtown area. Our landlords for our apartment are extremely nice, I think I should recommend there place for the next set of volunteers to Vietnam. They are really helpful, and caring. It is a safe place, and have had no problems so far.



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