



# Research Application in Vietnam, Nepal, and Pakistan

ISET/SILC Event: Meet the ISET regional directors and research professionals

22-26 February 2016

ISET International – week

**CU Students, Faculty and Staff with interest in Vietnam, Nepal, and Pakistan !**

Please join ISET in welcoming our Asian office directors and the Vice Chairman of Da Nang.

ISET has applied research in South and South East Asia for over 15 years in the fields of climate change, urban resilience, disasters, and urbanization. Our projects have been funded by the Rockefeller Foundation, USAID, ADB, DfID, CDKN and ARC. ISET supports the Rockefeller 100 Resilient City project in both Boulder and Da Nang.

During the week of Feb.22nd we will be hosting discussion groups and presentations on our past and current work on the issues facing these Asian regions. ISET is located in SILC, the Sustainability Innovation Lab at CU, at SEEC, the Sustainability Energy and Environment Complex. Please contact us to set up an appointment, add a topic or join a discussion group. [info@i-s-e-t.org](mailto:info@i-s-e-t.org) [www.i-s-e-t.org](http://www.i-s-e-t.org) (720)564-0650

## Mr. Phung Tan Viet, Vice Chairman, Da Nang, Vietnam



Mr. Viet studied at the Da Nang University of Technology. In 1990, he was appointed to be Vice Director of the Central Electrical Appliances Company and became Director of the Company in 1991. In 1998, he was appointed Director of the Da Nang Department of Commerce, and in 2004, he was elected as a member of the Da Nang Municipal Communist Party Committee, and Director of the Da Nang Department of Planning and Investment. On January 2010, he was promoted to be a Vice Chairman of the Da Nang People's Committee in charge of economic development, information technology and external relations. He is also Head of the Da Nang Steering Committee for Response to Climate Change and Sea Level Rise.

## Mr. Cuong Dinh Quang



Since 2002, Cuong Dinh Quang has worked for the People's Committee Office of Da Nang, where he currently serves as the Deputy Head of the General division and the city's Chief Resilience Officer, and is responsible for the management of all activities relating to foreign affairs and to the city's sustainable development strategy. In May of 2013, Cuong became the Director of the Da Nang Climate Change Coordination Office, where he is responsible for the development and implementation of Da Nang's Action Plan for Response to Climate Change and Sea Level Rise. Cuong has an MBA from the University of Da Nang, and was a PhD candidate at Griffith University in Queensland, Australia where he studied the environmental aspects of sustainable development in Central Vietnam.

## Ms Ngo Thi Le Mai



Mai manages ISET's Rockefeller funded ACCCRN work in Vietnam that engages the three cities of Danang, Quy Nhon and Can Tho. The program will shortly be replicated and extended to two new cities with funding from USAID. Prior to ISET, Mai worked for the Ford Foundation, Vietnam & Thailand, as Grants Administrator and Liaison Officer for over 12 years. Her previous jobs were at the English News Desk, Vietnam News Agency, and the Hanoi Business Center where she was hired to work on three major real estate development projects in Hanoi, Nha Trang, and Ho Chi Minh. She received a Bachelor's degree in English from Hanoi University, and further training in journalism in Budapest, Hungary, and at University of New South Wales, Sydney, Australia.



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## **Dr. Phong Tran, Technical Lead, ISET-International Vietnam**

Phong earned his doctoral degree in Environmental Studies from Kyoto University, Japan and a masters degree in urban and regional planning from the University of Hawaii, USA. He has an intensive knowledge of climate change adaptation and disaster risk reduction theories and practices. He has been conducting research on environment management, climate change adaptation, and disaster risk reduction in developing countries, particularly in Vietnam. Prior to his work with ISET-International, Phong worked as a consultant for many organizations of the United Nations, and INGOs in South East Asia region. With ISET, Phong has worked with city partners in Vietnam on the ACCCRN program and USAID funded project in assisting in research, training activities, and proposal development.



## **Mr. Ajaya Dixit, President ISET-Nepal**

Mr. Dixit is the editor of Water Nepal, a journal addressing Himalayan water and development. He taught hydraulics at Tribhuvan University's Institute of Engineering until 1989 and recently authored the leading textbook in hydraulics titled Basic Water Science. He has worked extensively as a consultant on water resources and environment for bilateral and multilateral organizations in Nepal. Mr. Dixit served as a member of the National Preparatory Committee for the 1992 Rio Conference (United Nations Conference on Environment and Development) in Rio de Janeiro. He also represented the private sector in His Majesty's Government of Nepal Water and Energy Commission from 1994 to 1997.



## **Dr. Stephen Tyler, Founder and president of Adaptive Resource Management Ltd and ISET-International Associate**

Stephen Tyler has over 30 years of professional experience in applied research and policy development linked to adaptation, environment, and resource management issues. He has served on the staff of leading applied research and policy organizations in Canada, California, and internationally, and as a consultant to various international organizations and research groups, including the World Bank, Asian Development Bank, the International Institute for Sustainable Development (IISD) and CIDA. Stephen holds a PhD in City and Regional Planning from the University of California, Berkeley, and has published on urbanization and energy use, climate adaptation, and community-based resource management.



## **Mr. Fawad Khan, CEO ISET-Pakistan**

Fawad Khan is CEO and founder of Institute for Social and Environmental transition in Pakistan, a non-profit research institute. He focuses on the evaluation of adaptation effectiveness, economics of adaptation strategies, community based local adaptation planning, and exploring factors contributing to resilience. His areas of expertise are the economics of climate change in South and South East Asia, community based adaptation, and monitoring and evaluation. Fawad previously worked as an Institutional Development Specialist for the World Bank in South Asia, a Senior Coordinator on Monitoring and Evaluation for the International Union for Conservation of Nature and has over 20 years' experience as a development consultant. He holds an MSc from the Faculty of Economics at the London School of Economics and Political Science in UK, a BSc from the School of Engineering and Applied Sciences at Columbia University and a BA in Liberal Arts from Middlebury College in USA.

