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# Story of PLASTIC WASTE

THE WINNING PHOTOS OF THE PHOTO CONTEST



**NGUYEN DOAN KET**

PRIZE **A**

### THE PLASTIC WASTE ISSUE

A rubbish dump composed mostly of plastic waste in Vinh Hoa Hung Nam commune, Go Quao district, Kien Giang province.



**NGUYEN GIANG NAM**

PRIZE **A**

### A YOUNG CEO WITH A PASSION FOR WASTE COLLECTION IN DA NANG: 10 YEARS OF VOLUNTEER SEABED CLEANUP

For the past 10 years, Mr. Dao Dang Cong Trung has volunteered for two hours every day to clean up Da Nang's beaches. His actions have gradually been gaining wider recognition, and many young people have followed his example.





**TRAN VAN TUY**

PRIZE **A**

**PLASTIC RECYCLING**

These used plastic bottles are being collected and recycled, ensuring a cleaner living environment.



**PHAM VAN THANH**

PRIZE **B**

**LET'S PROTECT OUR LIVING ENVIRONMENT**

During each South fishing season, boats in southern Viet Nam transport tons of plastic bags back to the beaches along with hundreds of tons of fish. In the Bai Sau area of Mui Ne beach in Phan Thiet city, Binh Thuan province - a major fishing spot - the environment has now become too polluted for people to live there.





**DINH NGOC BAO**  
PRIZE B

### NATURE IS CALLING FOR HELP

During a trip to Con Dao, I managed to capture an image of a monkey chewing on a plastic bottle it had mistaken for food. For a friendly living environment, say no to plastic waste.



**THE YOUTH UNION OF BINH THUAN VOCATIONAL TRAINING COLLEGE**

PRIZE B

### NO MORE PLASTIC

We are very happy that our activities of collecting plastic waste and turning plastic waste into toys have attracted the attention of people around the area and are well received by young people.





**NGUYEN NGOC SON**  
PRIZE C

**WHERE WE LIVE**

In big cities like Ho Chi Minh City, the place we pigeons live is only narrow corners in old apartment buildings. However, our living area also gradually became a rubbish tip because of the irresponsible waste dumping of the residents here. We have to live with the garbage, search food in the rubbish dump and sleep with the garbage. Don't throw garbage indiscriminately. I don't want my descendents to see garbage whenever they open their eyes.



**LUU TRONG DAT**  
PRIZE C

**FISH AREN'T THE ONLY THINGS BEING SET FREE INTO THE DA RIVER ON THE KITCHEN GODS' DAY**

On December 23 every year, thousands of people along the banks of the Da river in Hoa Binh city follow the custom of releasing carp to watch the Kitchen God return to heaven. Many people also drop old sacred objects into the water, like incense bowls, flower vases, incense sticks, ashes, and many plastic decorations from their ancestral altars. Despite warnings from local authorities, this behaviour has been going on for years and continues to persist. As a result, both banks of the Da river all the way from the foot of the Hoa Binh hydroelectric dam to the Hoa Binh 2 bridge are choked with garbage and polluting the environment.





**KHA THANH TRI DAT**

PRIZE C

### SILENT WORK

This old man's quiet job is to canoe along the Cau Quay river in Soc Trang province every day, picking up all the plastic bottles that people have thrown into the water. Hopefully one day soon there will be none left.



**PHAM HONG MANH**

HONOURABLE MENTION

### PLASTIC WASTE IS KILLING MARINE ANIMALS

Plastic waste and fishing equipment trap fish and other marine life, preventing them from finding food. Discharging waste into rivers and lakes harms the living environment not only for humans, but also for thousands of other species.





**NGUYEN THI LY GIANG**  
**HONOURABLE MENTION**

### THE FOOTSTEPS OF WASTE

Labourers work hard to push carts towering with garbage. They repeat this job every day, and every day the cart is just as full.



**NGUYEN TRANG KIM CUONG**  
**HONOURABLE MENTION**

### NATURE'S CALL FOR HELP

I took these photos at the foot of Tran Hung Dao bridge in Phan Thiet city, hoping to partially reflect the terrible pollution here and contribute a cry for help so that people's living environment is improved.





**VO HOAI NAM**  
**HONOURABLE MENTION**

### HERO AT A WHARF

Some people silently pick up plastic waste. It's not that they're different from us, but rather that they have warm hearts and care about their communities. In this picture is an elderly man of around 60 whose thin body belies his big heart. Anyone who walks often along the Tho Quang wharf area in Da Nang city knows and loves him.



**DO THUY LINH, HOANG NHAT MINH, NGUYEN QUYNH HOA**  
**HONOURABLE MENTION**

### REFLECTION

Dark, ghostly space permeates the photos. Is it a harbinger of bad news? Reflection is a short series of images about the effects of plastic waste on people. When people continue their habit of using non-biodegradable plastic items, what they receive in return will be tones of waste. That garbage keeps piling up more and more, like a quagmire that we can't get out of, engulfing us and the environment around us. In the end, will plastic rule? Or do we need to take measures to rescue ourselves from drowning in plastic waste and move towards a more sustainable future?







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