



On September 19, 2009 sixty seven students from the Department of Chemical Process Equipment and the Department of Physical Chemistry – Hanoi University of Technology - Vietnam joined into the World Water Monitoring Day event. It was the first event organized in Vietnam. The participants were proud of being the people who started this meaningful activity in Vietnam, and it is expected to be extended all over the country in the next years.



The selected site was Ba Mau Lake, considered as a “green lung” of the surrounding residential area. Before testing the water sample in the Lake, the students had been provided sufficient information on the WWMD event by the organizers and from the website.



They had been divided into four groups collecting and testing the water samples of four different points around the Lake. The average temperature of the water that the groups examined was 30°C, the DO was 6 ppm, the turbidity was 100 JTU and the pH was 8.0. Although it was an oppressively hot day, the students felt highly enthusiastic in testing the water quality of the Lake by themselves. They also found that it is their responsibility to propagate this activity through the University as well as the community in the next time to raise the public awareness about water quality protection.

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