Eight Danish professors have been awarded the Ho Chi Minh City Badge, along with the Vietnam National University’s honorary awards given by the Ho Chi Minh City University of Science (HCMUS), for their contribution to the development of postgraduate training and research activities.

The awards ceremony took place on February 1, hosted by the Vietnam National University’s member school HCMUS.
The eight professors receiving the awards were Erik Thulstrup, Fritz Duus, Poul Erik Hansen, Jens Spanget-Larsen, Ole Vang, Torben Lund, John Mortensen, and Soren Hvidt from Roskilde University, a public university in Eastern Denmark.

The professors have played a pivotal role in the development of postgraduate training and the improvement of academic research in Vietnam.

Such achievement was the result of the cooperation between the Roskilde University’s Chemistry – Life Science Department and the HCMUS’s Chemistry Department in 2002, initiated by Professor Erik Thulstrup and Dr. Tran Thi Ngoc Huyen.

The two universities signed a formal memorandum on academic research training via the ENRICA program spanning seven years, from February 2004 to February 2011.

The program was sponsored by DANIDA, an international development and cooperation entity under Denmark’s Ministry of Foreign Affairs, with a budget of DKK12 million (US$2 million).

Forty-two master’s degrees and nine doctorates meeting European academic standards have been produced since the initiation of the said programme.

The cooperation also resulted in about 100 research articles published globally, and many articles and symposium reports published in Vietnam.

The Ho Chi Minh City Badge is awarded to model citizens, as well as individuals with significant contributions to the city’s development.