



### **Honor Remarks of Ms. Ta Bich Loan**

Good evening everyone!

On behalf of Vietnam National Television (VTV) I would like to congratulate Mr. Nguyen Anh Tuan, Co-founder and CEO of Boston Global Forum on the occasion of being named VTV Person of the Year 2018. He joins an exclusive group of Vietnamese leaders who have a remarkable record of accomplishment and who are a source of pride for all in Vietnam.

2018 was the year when Mr. Nguyen Anh Tuan in conjunction with the Boston Global Forum created the innovative and farsighted AI World Society (AIWS) model. It's a remarkable initiative that can promote global progress.

If there is one word that I would associate with Mr. Tuan, it would be “pioneer.” Mr. Tuan sees important needs and opportunities before others do, and he then develops them to a point where they can be advanced by others.

Mr. Tuan was done this many times. He did in creating the first software for Dalat University, creating VietNet, Vietnam's first internet transmission net, establishing VietNamNet, Vietnam's first online news site.

And here in Boston, while at the Shorenstein Center, he created a blueprint for online news outlets in developing countries and developed the idea that led to the creation of the Boston Global Forum.

It is not easy to be pioneer. It requires vision, determination, and knowledge. And it requires an ability to enlist the support of others, as he has done, for example, with the Boston Global Forum. A dream can originate in the mind of a single individual. It takes the help of others to make it a reality.



Mr. Tuan's latest dream is AI World Society, a vehicle for harnessing artificial intelligence for the betterment of society.

On Monday - your country will celebrate Martin Luther King - who famously had a dream - one that touched the lives of uncounted millions

Much like Dr. King - Tuan Nguyen has also had a dream - one that he hopes may gentle the world and improve life for millions.

In doing so- this quiet - modest pioneer has prepared the way for other to follow.

It is for these reasons that VTV chose Mr. Tuan as Person of the Year 2018. I congratulate him and thank you for joining with him in making the Boston Global Forum the remarkable organization it's become.