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Dear Tuan,

Congratulations on your selection as VTV Person of the Year. It's a great and well-deserved honor.

When you were at the Shorenstein Center as a Fellow in 2007 and then again as an Associate from 2011 to 2014, your visionary leadership was apparent. Your fellowship paper on the founding and growth of Vietnam Net was a blueprint for online media in developing countries. And throughout the years since that time, you've helped us to better understand the empowering nature of digital communication.

The Shorenstein Center prides itself on a continuing relationship with its former fellows. But I can think of no former fellow who has maintained as steady and productive a relationship as you have. We are deeply grateful for your continuing contributions.

I have followed with admiration your work with the Boston Global Forum, which is a remarkable addition to the Boston community. You identified a need for the organization – there was no entity that could serve as a bridge across the area's many colleges and universities. And you helped build the Boston Global Forum into an internationally known and respected organization. And you did all of that in a remarkably few years, just as you did with Vietnam Net. You are that rare visionary who is skilled at giving life to a vision.

Again, my congratulations of this well-deserved honor. We are proud that the Shorenstein Center has been part of what you've accomplished.

Sincerely,

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