

Fukuoka Prize 2025

Arts and Culture Prize

VO Trong Nghia

the Socialist Republic of Vietnam

Architect

Founder & principal at VTN Architects

Visiting Professor, University of Pennsylvania

Born August 25, 1976 (Aged 48)

Biography

- 1976 Born in Quang Binh province, Vietnam
- 1996 Move to Japan after receiving the Japanese Government (MEXT) Scholarship
- 2002 Studied in Nagoya Institute of Technology, Japan (Architecture)
- 2004 MA, Landscape and Civic Design Laboratory, Department of Civil Engineering, University of Tokyo (Engineering), Studied under an architect, Hiroshi Naito. Furuichi Award (the Excellent Master Thesis Award), University of Tokyo President's Award for Students
- 2006 Founded his own Architectural company, Vo Trong Nghia Architects in Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam
- 2011 Established Vo Trong Nghia Architects Hanoi Branch and construction company
- 2022 PhD, Waseda University, Tokyo (Architecture)
- 2024 Visiting Professor, Yale University, U.S.A.
- 2025- Visiting Professor, Taipei University, Taiwan / Meditation and Mental Health
Visiting Professor, the University of Pennsylvania, U.S.A.

Major Award

- 2007 ARCASIA Awards for Architecture/ Gold Winner/ *Wind and Water Cafe*
- 2011 ARCASIA Awards for Architecture/ Gold Winner/ *Wind and Water Bar*
- 2012 Architectural Record/ Design Vanguard/ VTN Architects
- 2014 World Economic Forum/ Young Global Leader
Architecture Review Awards/ First Prize
ARCASIA Awards for Architecture/ Building of The Year/ *Dailai Bamboo Complex*
ARCASIA Awards for Architecture/ Gold Winner/ *Dailai Bamboo Complex*
- 2015 ARCASIA Awards for Architecture/ Gold Winner/ *Binh Thanh House*
- 2016 Prince Claus Award
ARCASIA Awards for Architecture/ Gold Winner/ *Farming Kindergarten*
- 2017 ARCASIA Awards for Architecture/ Gold Winner / *Son La Restaurant*
RIBA International Fellowships/ Winner

- 2019 Dezeen Awards/ Architect of The Year
 ARCASIA Awards for Architecture/ Gold Winner / *Castaway Island Resort*
- 2021 Wallpaper Design Awards 2021/ Best New Private House/ *Bat Trang House*

Additional, Nghia has won 160 International Awards in total as of 12 April 2025 such as:

- 33 awards from Green Good Design
- 20 awards from International Architecture Awards (IAA)
- 09 awards from Dezeen Awards
- 06 awards from WAF (World Architecture Festival) so far.

Major Architectural Works

Wind and Water Café, Binh Duong, Vietnam, 2006.
Wind and Water Bar, Binh Duong, Vietnam, 2008.
Bamboo Wing, Vinh Phuc, Vietnam, 2009.
Binh Duong School, Binh Duong, Vietnam, 2011.
Stacking Green, Ho Chi Minh, Vietnam, 2011.
Farming Kindergarten, Dongnai, Vietnam, 2013.
Binh Thanh House, Ho Chi Minh, Vietnam, 2013.
Dailai Conference Hall, Vinh Phuc, Vietnam, 2012.
House for Trees, Ho Chi Minh, Vietnam, 2014.
Son La Restaurant, Son La, Vietnam, 2014.
Binh House, Ho Chi Minh, Vietnam, 2016.
FPT Technology University, Hanoi, Vietnam, 2017.
Nocenco café, Vinh, Vietnam, 2018.
Viettel Offsite Studio, Thach That District, Hanoi, Vietnam, 2019.
Castaway Island Resort, Hai Phong, Vietnam, 2019.
Thang House, Vietnam, Da Nang, 2019.
Viettel Academy Educational Center, Hanoi, Vietnam, 2019.
Bat Trang House, Bat Trang, Vietnam, 2020.
Grand World Phu Quoc Welcome Center, Phu Quoc, Vietnam, 2021.
Urban Farming Office, Ho Chi Minh, Vietnam, 2022.