

### Ken outruns himself again

Grant Thornton's HCM City partner Ken Atkinson has done it again – this time even better.

He was one of the founders in HCM City of the now-global Terry Fox Marathon Run of Hope to raise funds for cancer research.

Ken's efforts to make it a permanent part of HCM City's annual calendar saw the event attracting a record 700 runners, walkers and bikers last October, raising over \$4,200 with other pledges totaling \$9,000.

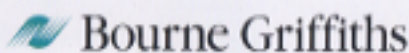


Ken (wearing sun glasses) cooling down after 20 minutes of pain.

A cured cancer victim himself, Ken raised an individual contribution of \$1,250 through sponsorship and finished the 5km himself "in extremely hot conditions in just over 20 minutes", as he most modestly put it.

It was the fourth Terry Fox run staged in HCM City, being named after a courageous man who set off to run across his native Canada to raise money for cancer research after losing a leg to the illness himself.

The Terry Fox run was staged in Hanoi for the first time in 2000, partly due to the successes Ken and his cohorts have shown down south.



### Werner has a cutting edge

Young Vietnamese trainees setting themselves and their companies for the next qualitative leap into 21<sup>st</sup> century global IT are lucky.

They now have access through Grant Thornton's training arm Bourne Griffiths to Werner

Kirchmann who has spent most of the decade advising major international giants like Ford and Bayer Chemicals on cutting edge computer technology.

That was in his role as a project management and management consultant with CSC Ploenzbe, the German division of the large American IT consultancy company CSC.

Werner is now lecturing in Information Analysis in our successful ACCA courses, and is also working in with Grant Thornton in developing an IT management support service for our clients.

### Chau wants a family approach

The Ford connection continues for Grant Thornton's Hanoi office with the recruitment of Ha Minh Chau as its manager of Training and Human Resource Consultancy four months ago for Bourne Griffiths, our training arm.

Chau spent her previous three years and seven months supervising the training of over 300 people employed at both Ford's Hai Duong plant near Hanoi and at its dealership agencies in a wide variety of occupations; technicians, engineers, office staff, marketing and sales and services.



Chau has a holistic approach, even family-like, to her work, and wants Grant Thornton to firmly consolidate itself as the leading training provider for Vietnam-based companies.

"Everything I do I think of how will it affect my parents and brothers and sisters. They are my pride, and business

should be like that, being like a family in both personal and working relationships".

Chau says Bourne Griffiths is looking at more longer-term courses to become a leader in the development of Vietnam's market economy.



Hanoi joins in the run in memory of a courageous man for the first time

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