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EU Blood Donation Day - Red Tuesday for the EU

Blood Donation

This morning, for the first time in Vietnam, the Delegation of the European Union in Vietnam (EU), in collaboration with the National Institute of Haematology and Blood Transfusion, will organize the EU Blood Donation Day, with the participation of EU Member States Embassies.

The EU Blood Donation Day aims at contributing a good amount of blood to the need for medical treatment throughout the country, especially during TET holiday - the period when in reality the shortage of blood becomes more serious than any time. Statistics released by the National Institute of Haematology and Blood Transfusion show that for the first quarter of 2019, there will be a shortage of 10,000 blood units for the whole country. In this context, calls for blood donation contribute importantly to sorting out this problem.

Speaking about the event, EU Ambassador Bruno Angelet said "the EU Delegation to Vietnam and EU Member States Embassies would like to join the call of the Institute for more voluntary blood givers in Vietnam to ensure that the patients who need blood for medical purposes have sufficient supply of blood during the TET holidays"

Blood donation has had a long history in Vietnam. Previously, blood donation was mainly from frequent blood givers. However, since the introduction of the campaign “Voluntary blood donation” 20 years ago, the group of students and young people has been very active accounting up to 50% of the total blood donors. Currently, blood donors account for 1.6% of Vietnam’s population. According to the World Health Organization (WHO), if the country manages to increase this percentage to 2%, there will no longer be shortage of blood supply.

Joining the EU Blood Donation Day are Ambassadors, Chargé d'affaires, Deputy Heads of Diplomatic Missions and staff of the embassies of EU Member State and the EU Delegation.

Contributing to this humanitarian goal and conveying the message “Blood giver, life saver”, the EU Blood Donation Day took place at the EU Delegation office in Hanoi.

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