

Vietnamese Government honours Team Leader

Keith Milligan, Team Leader of the Collaboration for Agriculture and Rural Development (CARD) Program received official recognition for outstanding services to Vietnam in April this year.

The prestigious award 'For the Cause of Agriculture and Rural Development in Vietnam' was presented to Keith for his achievements on the AusAID funded program by Vice Minister Bui Ba Bong, Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development (MARD).

This award is usually presented at the completion of deserving programs, an exception was made in this instance, highlighting MARD's appreciation of the CARD initiative.

Keith was absolutely delighted to receive the award and equally honoured to accept it on behalf of all the Vietnamese and Australian team members who are working hard to make the program a success. The Australian Ambassador and representatives from AusAID also attended the presentation ceremony held in Hanoi.

The CARD program aims to help Vietnam's agriculture sector become more productive and competitive by working to develop the capacity of MARD and funding joint research projects between Australian and Vietnamese institutions. GHD Hassall is providing a range of technical and support services to the CARD program, which will be completed in 2010.