

HONGTIEN BRUCECHI TRAN

CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER



HongTien was born in Sa Đéc Province after his father was released from the concentration camp. His mother was a nurse at Chợ Rẫy Hospital before 1975. His father was a Lieutenant of the Republic of Vietnam's Police Force in Vĩnh Long Province and was imprisoned for over 5 years in the concentration camp, after the fall of Saigon. His family immigrated to the US on September 24, 1994, as a political refugee under the Orderly Departure Program.

HongTien had been involved in the community as a youth volunteer in the late 90s. As President of the Vietnamese Student Association of Orange Coast College (2001-2002), HongTien oversaw the production of VSA-OCC's Culture Night that involved over 1500 student volunteer hours, attracted over 1000 attendees, and a budget of over \$40,000 which were generated solely via donations and fundraising.

HongTien is also deeply involved in various youth-leadership development organizations such as the Buddhist Youth of Phổ Đà Temple (1999-2004), the Culture Village Organizing Committee of UVSA's Tet Festival (since 2004) and various Vietnamese Scouting Groups since 2000. In May of 2004, HongTien helped leader Phongnha Pham and other leaders co-founded the Liên Đoàn Hướng Đạo Văn Lang, a scouting group that engaged hundreds of families and impacted over 1000 youths in the last 15+ years. HongTien is also a member of the PTA and the Vietnamese Dual Language Immersion (VDLI) Advisory Committee at DeMille Elementary School, the first VDLI public school in California with a growing student body of over 400 students.

Professionally, HongTien graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in Electrical Engineer from Cal Poly Pomona in 2006. He had been a Transportation Engineer for Caltrans since July 2007. HongTien's work involved the maintenance of a network of over 15,000 bridges in Southern California and an annual budget of over \$35 million.

Recognizing the critical need and urgency of preserving and promoting the Vietnamese Refugee's Heritage, HongTien joined Mr. Chau Thuy's call to help form the Vietnamese Heritage Museum in 2017. His primary objective is to bring awareness and to promote Vietnamese Refugee's Heritage to the youth in local schools and colleges.