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Writer Isabelle Muller awarded scholarships to 18 disadvantaged students in Tuyen Quang

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Writer Isabelle Muller and her sister Tho Thi Pa

On the afternoon of October 5, in Hanoi, writer Isabelle Muller, representative of LOAN Foundation (LOAN Stiftung) awarded scholarships for the 2025–2026 school year to 18 students in difficult circumstances and orphans of Tuyen Quang province.

Writer Isabelle Müller spends royalties on books to help disadvantaged children in Vietnam

Attending the scholarship awarding ceremony were alumni and students who had received scholarships from the LOAN Foundation in previous years. These scholarships not only mean financial support but also a source of spiritual encouragement for children on their learning journey and overcoming difficulties.

One of the typical faces receiving the scholarship is Tho Thi Pa, a second-year student majoring in Philology, Hanoi University of Education. Pa was born into a poor family with 6 children in Lung Tam commune, Tuyen Quang province. My mother passed away early, my father worked as a freelancer, his job was precarious, and his circumstances were very difficult, but I was still determined to pursue my education.

"Thanks to the LOAN Foundation scholarship, I was able to reduce my financial burden, have the opportunity to learn more English and buy specialized textbooks", Pa shared. I expressed my hope that after graduating,

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Writer Isabelle Muller was born in 1964 in Tours (France), with Vietnamese blood from her mother. The youngest of five children, she grew up in poor conditions and suffered many disadvantages due to racism. However, she still tried her best, studying German, English and Russian languages at Francois Rabelais University (Tours) and becoming a writer.

Isabelle Muller is widely known for her works *LOAN – From the life of a phoenix*, *Daughter of the phoenix – Hope is my path*, have all been published in Vietnam. Besides, she also composed many children's stories such as *Hip Hop in Ellsaby Country*, *Hip Hop and the Golden Forest*, *Hip Hop and Master Singers*.



Writer Isabelle Muller and students received scholarships from the LOAN Foundation

After working in Germany as an interpreter, she and her mother went to Southeast Asia many times to learn about Vietnamese roots. It was this journey that prompted her to set up a charity fund after her mother passed away.

In May 2016, the LOAN Foundation was established, named after her mother –, Ms. Dau Thi Cuc (self-Loan).

The Fund aims to support ethnic minority children in remote areas of Vietnam through educational projects, building school facilities, boarding houses, sanitation facilities, providing clean water, library and kitchen. In addition, the Fund has implemented the "LOAN Stiftung Educational Scholarship" and the "LOAN Stiftung Financial Scholarship" to provide emergency assistance to children affected by natural disasters and epidemics, enabling them to have stable long-term living and learning conditions.

LOAN Foundation's activities are also a compassionate bridge between the international community and Vietnam, attracting the participation of benefactors in Germany and many Vietnamese people living abroad. All of Isabelle Muller's book royalties go to the LOAN Foundation to continue supporting Vietnamese children.

In 2023, LOAN Foundation won the "Human Act Prize" category "Inspirational Project" organized by Nhan Dan Newspaper.

During 9 years of operation in Vietnam, LOAN Fund has implemented 48 projects in 8 provinces before the merger: Ha Giang, Tuyen Quang, Cao Bang, Son La, Dien Bien, Lao Cai, Yen Bai and Ha Tinh, with a total budget of more than 1.77 million USD. Projects include the construction of 28 boarding

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