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# Our SM3D Portal: One Year in Retrospect

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The first article of the SM3D science portal appeared on June 21, 2022 [1], following its co-founding members' retreat in Pu Luong, Thanh Hoa, Vietnam, in late May. Then, we had some predictions about the future direction of the community, but not its pace of growth.

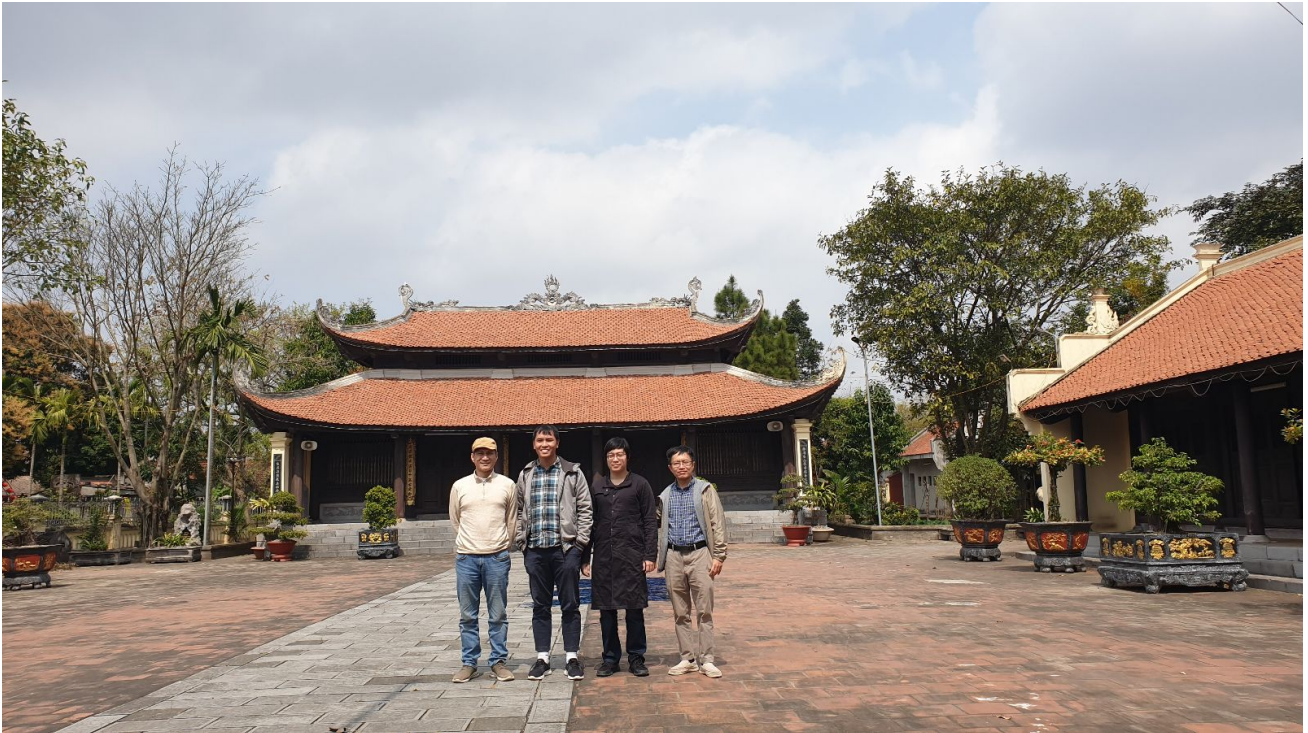
Fortunately, the community started receiving its members in the ensuing months.

Publishing our [BMF analytics](#) and [MT titles](#) has also served as a bonding force [2-3]. They paved the way for our first community methodology joint publication [4].

One year has passed, and the community has been growing up fast to house some 70 researchers from all walks of life, representing such countries as Australia, China, Ethiopia, Fiji, Germany, India, Indonesia, the Netherlands, New Zealand, the Philippines, South Africa, and of course, Vietnam. The community has nurtured research ideas and enabled its members to have published about 25 articles and completed another 25 research manuscripts, all being under review by legitimate and indexed journals.

No matter how rapidly the community is expanding, we have firmly adhered to our original philosophical principles set out in [5-6]. This helps walk us through the post-COVID-19 tumultuous period and the stagnation thereof.

As we enter the second year of operation, let's look forward to making better and more meaningful achievements together, hoping new members will join our happy home.



\**Note*: The founding core team made another trip to Ninh Binh Province, Vietnam, in the Spring of 2023, where the team visited the Temple dedicated to Nguyen Cong Tru (1778-1858), one of the most accomplished Confucian scholars throughout the history of Vietnam, being both a government official and an accomplished general in the battlefield. (Photo: Nguyen Cong Tru Temple, Feb. 28, 2023)

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