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Dr. Nguyen is currently the US General Partner, Chief Crypto Architect and Crypto Officer of JWC Blockchain Ventures. He is also the CEO/President of UZip Inc. which provides an open logistics platform to solve the last mile shipping and delivery challenges in U.S. metropolitan cities using Artificial Intelligence (AI), Machine Learning (ML) and Blockchain for crypto-currency. Prof. Nguyen is the VP of External Affairs of The American University in Vietnam (AUV) which is the first and only non-profit American university in Da Nang, Vietnam. This is a distinctive institution of higher education in Vietnam offering affordable, quality American education for the changing needs of countries in the Asia Pacific region by educating our young generation with the slogan of "Learning today, Leading tomorrow with Social Values." He has co-founded and has invested in several companies including Streaming Curiosity Inc. which develops new core technology software for Augmented Reality (AR). In 2011 to 2013, Dr. Nguyen was the managing partner of Amland Corporation and successfully secured to implement the largest LED conversion project for City of Oakland in California.

Technically, Dr. Nguyen is an **expert in BlockChain, renewal energy engineering, distributed/cloud computing, computer architecture, Information Technology (IT) architecture, customer services, and help desk**. During his 26 years (16 years with IBM Corp; 1997-2000 CTO Office of IBM Global Services) working at major U.S. corporations and business consultant fields, Dr. Nguyen led many worldwide consulting, research, and professional activities.

Dr. Nguyen also cofounded Web Office Inc. Under his leadership as its President, Web Office Inc. received the Export Achievement Award from U.S. Department of Commerce in August 2003, and its product received the PC Magazine prestigious 4-Star Award in the U.S. and selling in U.S., Japan, Germany, Turkey, Singapore and South Korea. Products include EncryptededEye™, VPSN™, and SDATS™ (Secured Deployable Asset Tracking System – An Intelligent RFID Solution). Dr. Nguyen's powerful success methodology is based on maintaining focus on business strategy, engineering and implementing business solutions and customer service systems, being customer-driven, building top-notch teams, and focusing staffs on execution of the defined business strategies.

Dr. Nguyen was a faculty member at the McCombs Graduate School of Business of the University of Texas at Austin, at the Huston-Tillotson University, and at the Computer Science Graduate School of the Texas State University. He was faculty member of the Keller Graduate School of Business and was also the lead faculty of the Electronic Computer Engineering Technology (ECET) and Network Computer Management (NCM) at the DeVry University in Austin, Texas. Dr. Nguyen received his **BS degree in Electrical Engineering (EE) at the University of Oklahoma** in 1984. While gaining business experiences working in the industry, Dr. Nguyen completed his **MS and PhD degrees in Electrical and Computer Engineering (ECE) at the University of Texas (UT) at Austin in 1986 and 1989.** In 1993, Dr. Nguyen also received his **Executive MBA from the University of Texas at Austin**. He is named **Notable Alumni of the UT ECE**.

Serving the international business and research community, he is an active adviser of the **Texas-EU Summit 2013** (<a href="https://conferences.la.utexas.edu/texaseusummit/category/contact/">https://conferences.la.utexas.edu/texaseusummit/category/contact/</a>) **listed** along with other Trade Commissioners and Consul Generals. Dr. Nguyen has been one of the IC2 Fellows of University of Texas at Austin (<a href="https://ic2.utexas.edu/research/fellows/">https://ic2.utexas.edu/research/fellows/</a>) which is a global community of creative and innovative leaders from academia, business, and government with 180 active Fellows from 14 nations.) Dr. Nguyen is also an **active philanthropist**. He has provided assistances to many non-profit organizations and currently is one of the founding board members of International Liver Foundation for Vietnam (<a href="https://sites.google.com/site/internationalliverfoundationvn/">https://sites.google.com/site/internationalliverfoundationvn/</a>).