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Winners of Hand Soldering and Wire Harness Competitions Announced at NEPCON Vietnam 2025

BANNOCKBURN, ILL., USA, September 15, 2025 – In conjunction with NEPCON Vietnam 2025, the Global Electronics Association hosted its popular **Hand Soldering Competition** on September 11–12, 2025, and the Northern regional round of the **Wire Harness Competition** on September 10, 2025, in Hanoi, Vietnam.

This year's Hand Soldering Competition featured **38 contestants from 15 companies**, representing both leading foreign direct investment (FDI) manufacturers and local Vietnamese enterprises. Notably, for the first time in the competition's history, a contestant from a small domestic enterprise claimed the top prize. Skilled contestants were challenged to build a functional electronics assembly within a limited time, judged on soldering quality in accordance with IPC-A-610J Class 3 criteria, production speed, and overall electrical functionality.

Winners of the Hand Soldering Competition:

- **First Place:** Phạm Văn Tuyền, EZ2DO Company Limited – Achievement Certificate, USD \$300, and an Intelligent Portable Soldering Iron from Platinum sponsor QUICK. He also qualified for the IPC Hand Soldering World Championship in Munich, Germany, November 2025.

- **Second Place:** Lê Thị Thu, Spartronics Vietnam Co., Ltd. – Achievement Certificate and USD \$200.
- **Third Place:** Lê Đức Nhã, UMC Electronics Vietnam Limited – Achievement Certificate and USD \$100.

The Wire Harness Competition Vietnam drew **27 participants from 13 companies**, demonstrating proficiency in wire harness assembly under IPC/WHMA-A-620 Class 3 standards, the highest benchmark of workmanship in the electronics industry. Contestants were tasked with building a functional harness assembly within a set timeframe, judged on both process quality and final workmanship.

Winners of the Wire Harness Competition:

- **South Regional Winner:** Nguyen Minh Thuan, Thermtrol (VSIP) Co., Ltd.
- **North Regional Winner:** Pham Van Thao, Vietkai Company Limited.

The overall Vietnam Champion title was awarded to the Northern Region winner, Mr. Pham Van Thao from Vietkai Company Limited. He completed the assembly in five minutes less than the Southern Region winner, with the same score. He received a trophy and Achievement Certificate and earned the opportunity to represent Vietnam at the **Wire Harness World Championship** during the Integrated Electronics Manufacturing & Interconnection (IEMI) event in Bengaluru, India, January 29–30, 2026.

This year's competitions were made possible through the generous support of sponsors:

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These competitions continue to highlight Vietnam's growing electronics manufacturing talent and provide a platform for local and international companies to showcase excellence in workforce skills and industry collaboration.

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