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Marie Curie and Vietnam

Sir,

In the Maria Skłodowska-Curie Memorial Issue of the *Polish Oncological Journal Nowotwory* [1] is probably the first mention in the medical literature of the association of the name of Marie Curie with any Vietnamese institution. This was the Marie Curie Radium Institute of Indochina founded in 1923 [2]. Readers of this journal may therefore also be interested to learn that the name of Marie Curie is also commemorated in Ho Chi Minh City, formerly Saigon, in the name of a secondary school. I was educated at this school and well remember that when the flowers bloomed on the tree in front of the school, as shown in

the photograph, it was a sign that examination time was upon us!

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