

Partnership opportunities with the leading Vietnam higher education institutions

The Vietnam revised Law on Higher Education effective in 2013 covers areas not previously mentioned in legislation e.g. institutional autonomy, quality assurance, international cooperation, university research mission, university mission in science and technology, national and regional universities, university classification and ranking and private universities. The universities are given a greater degree of autonomy in defining their strategic move toward on many important aspects like planning, opening and closing units, new programmes, financial management and staffing. International partnership development plays an important role at universities in these areas. The government of Vietnam continues to provide support on capacity building and human resource development through overseas PhD scholarship programme and research funding.

British Council Vietnam is sending a senior education delegation from the three leading universities in Vietnam to the UK in June, and looking for a university in London to host a visit on 3 June 2015.

The main aims of the visit include:

- Understanding the mechanism of the UK university governance
- Getting a briefing about the quality assurance for higher education in the UK
- Learning from research development at a UK university
- Sharing Vietnam priorities in higher education, and opportunities to work in collaboration with top Vietnamese universities.

The list of delegates, their brief profile and collaboration needs can be found in the next pages.

Expected support from the host university

1. Arrange for a meeting with UK senior management board to share about university governance, quality assurance and research development. (Please note that the British Council Vietnam will also invite QAA to deliver an hour briefing about QAA mechanism in the UK)
2. Arrange for a tour to the university
3. Arrange for a networking lunch for the Vietnamese delegates with related management, academics and research staff of the university.

Universities who are interested to host the delegation can send email to Phi Phan, Higher Education Manager, Partnerships via Phi.Phan@britishcouncil.org.vn ASAP and by **15 May 2015**. Selection of the host university will base on the offer, and first-come-first-served basis.

1. Vietnamese senior education delegates

No.	Title	Name	Job title	Organisation
1	Assoc. Prof Dr	Nguyen Hoang Hai	Vice President	Vietnam National University, Hanoi
2	Dr	Le Trung Thanh	Dean of International Department	Vietnam National University, Hanoi
3	Dr	Nguyen Anh Thu	Head of International Relations	Vietnam National University, Hanoi
4	Assoc. Prof Dr	Duong Anh Duc	Vice President	Vietnam National University, Ho Chi Minh City
5	Assoc. Prof Dr	Doan Quang Vinh	Vice President	Danang University
6	Dr	Duong Mong Ha	Rector	Vietnam UK Institute for Research and Executive Education
7	Dr	Pham Hong Quat	Director General National Agency for Technology Entrepreneurship and Commercialisation Development (NATEC)	Ministry of Science and Technology (MOST)
8	Ms	Hoang VanAnh	Assistant Director, HE & Skills	British Council Vietnam
9	Ms	Nguyen Thu Giang	Higher Education Manager (Science and Innovation)	British Council Vietnam

2. Profile of the participating institutions

Vietnam National University Hanoi

Vietnam National University, Hanoi (VNU) is the largest comprehensive higher education and research center in Vietnam. VNU is entrusted with the task of producing highly qualified human resources and cultivate talents for the industrialization and modernization of the country; promoting advanced science, technology, renovation and knowledge transfer; playing the pioneer role in the reforming of Vietnam's higher education system.

VNU holds a special position in Vietnam's higher education system, operating according to a special regulation promulgated by the Prime Minister. VNU reports directly to the Prime Minister and has high autonomy in personnel organization, academic programs, scientific research and technological development, planning and finance, international relations and other fields. VNU is entitled to work directly with ministries, ministerial level organizations, governmental bodies, people's committees of central cities and provinces on affairs related

to VNU. VNU's member universities, schools, and institutes maintain their juridical entity status as higher education and scientific research institutions regulated by the Law on Higher Education and the Law on Science-Technology.

Priorities of the university in Internationalising Higher Education

VNU is expected to be one of the leading interdisciplinary, multidisciplinary research universities in the region and in the world. One of its strategic tasks is to establish and develop undergraduate and graduate programs to meet international standards, which ultimately transforms VNU into a research university center, reaching international standards.

Expected areas to work with the UK

- Development of Trans-national Education: Joint training programs in different fields to meet high demand of society
- Development of R&D collaboration: Fundamental and applied sciences
- Collaboration with Industry to enhance Skills for Employability
- Capacity building in
 - Quality Assurance
 - University Governance
- Rankings
- Others: Attracting leading universities to open branch campus at VNU

Expectation from the trip

To introduce and call for interest and investment of UK partners in the project of developing International Education Zone (IEZ) of VNU in Hoa Lac area.

Brief introduction about the project

If the last decades of the 20th century witnessed a surge of students moving from developing countries to developed countries, then in the early decades of the 21st century, the world has experienced a drastic shift of the universities with the opening of their campuses in other countries to attract students of home countries and from neighboring countries. Beside various forms of joint training and joint venture, there are now 162 active campuses worldwide, 50% of which are campuses of US universities. This has shown that the third mode of GATS (commercial presence) is being thoroughly exploited.

The presence of major universities has a great significance in the socio-economic development strategy of the home country. Therefore, the Governments of some countries, namely: China, Malaysia, the United Arab Emirates (UAE), Qatar, etc., have set out some strategies and implemented some preferential policies to attract investment in the field of higher education.

With the aim to efficiently exploit the presence of the major universities in the world and reduce the investment costs, some countries have developed free zones for foreign universities, which are connected to the high-tech parks. Under many different names, such as International Higher Education Town in Suzhou, China or Knowledge Village in the UAE, etc., these campuses have gathered big universities with high-quality training programs,

modern research infrastructure and laboratories, and with the presence of international faculties and students.

One of the objectives of Vietnam National University, Hanoi (VNU) is being listed in the top 200 leading universities in Asia by 2020. In order to achieve this objective, VNU has developed the solutions on strengthening the training and research capacity as well as renovation of higher education administration and management. However, the involvement of a number of internationally prestigious universities, focusing on high-tech fields and connecting to Hoa Lac Hi-Tech Park, will be a breakthrough solution to accelerate the construction of Hoa Lac area, turning it into a center of education, training and scientific research in Vietnam, which also meets the demand of the region and the world.

Currently, VNU is managing a 1,000 hectare campus adjacent to Hoa Lac Hi-Tech Park. According to the planning, VNU will develop an international city within this 1,000 hectare area, which is for the international universities to open their branch campuses, offer international training programs and confer their degrees. The common areas, namely the sports center, the conference area, etc. will be built according to international standards.

General objective:

To develop an International Education City/Zone connecting VNU with Hoa Lac Hi-Tech Park, creating a Technopole with the "value chain" at national and international level, turning Hoa Lac into a "regional hub" for higher education and science-technology.

Viet Nam National University Ho Chi Minh City

Vietnam National University Ho Chi Minh City (VNUHCM) is the largest and most distinguished university in Vietnam. It was founded in 1995 by merging a number of prestigious universities in Hochiminh City. There have been more than 60,000 student enrollments in VNUHCM, into 120 Bachelor, 90 Master and 90 Doctorate programs. To ensure that the University maintains its reputation as being the center of excellence in education and research in Vietnam, our dedicated administrators are continually striving to enhance the quality of education and training programs within VNUHCM. This commitment guarantees highly capable graduates for the benefit of our country.

With a fast-growing economy on the road towards global integration, Vietnam is in urgent need of more and more young and well-trained talents of high educational standards to be the driving force of our national advancement goals.

VNUHCM endeavors to provide society with a high quality of human resources through its innovative academic and research programs. VNUHCM has ensured its relevance in the international arena by forging reciprocal agreements with over 120 universities in 20 countries, to allow Vietnamese students to study abroad and also to train overseas students at our campus.

VNUHCM aims to develop the University into a leading institution in this region as well as becoming a world-class university, allowing students and staff members to enjoy an environment conducive to education and creativity.

Priorities of the university in Internationalising Higher Education

In order to achieve the common goal, VNUHCM sets out many specific objectives and activities:

Objective 1: Improving educational quality to reach global and regional standard

- Promote the application of international quality assurance system in education programs
- Maintain and extend high quality joint programs with foreign partners in VNUHCM member universities and affiliated units
- Expand cooperation with potential partners in joint programs
- Promote education programs in English

Objective 2: Promoting cooperation in researching

- Engage in more collaborative and comparative international research
- Establish mechanism for recruiting visiting scholars to mentor and/or conduct research at VNUHCM as well as participate in VNUHCM research projects
- Establish joint research centre of VNUHCM and foreign universities

Objective 3: Promoting student exchange activities

- Promote exchange activities between VNUHCM students and foreign universities' students
- Promote study abroad programs, short term and long term exchange to create opportunities for VNUHCM students to study and research at foreign universities
- Develop appropriate policies to attract international students to study at VNUHCM
- Promote supporting activities for international students.

Objective 4: Promoting faculty exchange activities

- Through international projects, boost the sending of VNUHCM faculties on study trips at international education institutions
- Develop appropriate policies and mechanism to attract international faculties to lecture at VNUHCM

Objective 5: Promoting the role and engaging in global and regional higher education organizations

- Engage actively in programs and activities organized by global and regional higher education organizations
- Proactively introduce initiatives and host international and regional events

By implementing activities to accomplish the 5 objectives, VNUHCM is forwarding integration and internationalization process in all fields, affirming its position as a regional and global multidisciplinary centre for training, scientific and technological researching

Expected areas to work with the UK

- X Development of Trans-national Education
- X Development of R&D collaboration
- X Collaboration with Industry to enhance Skills for Employability
- X Capacity building in
 - X Quality Assurance
 - X University Governance
 - X Higher Education Leadership
 - X Research/Research skills

Expectation from the trip

- Establish the networking with the foreign higher education worldwide
- Acquire experience of the HE for VNUHCM in the future
- Introduce VNUHCM in the foreign partner worldwide

Danang University

Vietnam UK Institute of Research and Executive Education, University of Danang

The University of Danang is a multi-level, multi-disciplinary university providing a wide range of courses and training programs for the people of the Central Area and Western Highlands of Vietnam. The University's main strengths are in Engineering, Technology, Economics, Education and Foreign Languages.

The University of Danang was one of the first university institutions in Vietnam to adopt a Quality Accreditation System for training, and several of its disciplines have been recognized internationally. A recent innovation is the creation of Teaching -Research Teams (TRT) to integrate both training and research and to develop post-graduate training capability to enhance scientific research.

Our aim is to develop UD into a Research-Oriented University by 2020. This new face of UD will result from current projects including UD Village, University of Technical Education, University of IT and Communications, University of Medicine and Pharmacy and new VN-UK International University.

VN-UK Institute for Research and Executive Education (VN-UK IREE), University of Danang

VN-UK Institute for Research and Executive Education (VN-UK IREE), the first stage of the VN-UK Research-Led University, was established under the agreement between the governments of Vietnam and UK. VN-UK IREE at present and VN-UK University in future play an important role as a new model for motivating the innovation of Vietnam higher education system.

VN-UK IREE is offering the undergraduate, masters and doctoral Engineering and Business programmes that are a UK standard co-developed with industry to meet their needs. Language for instruction at VN-UK IREE is English.

Under the support by British Council, VN-UK IREE and Aston University are conducting a research project to create a UK-ASEAN Research Hub at the VN-UK IREE.

Priorities of the organisation in Internationalising Higher Education

- Developing UK and international partnerships in TNE and R&D collaboration

Expected areas to work with the UK

- Development of Trans-national Education: Business and Engineering
- Development of R&D collaboration: Telecommunication, Computer science, Biotechnology, International Business, Accounting and Finance
- Collaboration with Industry to enhance Skills for Employability: Yes
- Capacity building in
 - Quality Assurance: Yes
 - University Governance: Yes
 - Higher Education Leadership: Yes
 - Research/Research skills: Yes

Expectation from the trip

- Experience exchange in HE issues
- Seeking partnerships in common interests

National Agency for Technology Entrepreneurship and Commercialisation Development (NATEC)

Brief overview about the organisation

The National Agency for Technology Entrepreneurship and Commercialization Development is an organization under the Ministry of Science and Technology, which assists the Minister to fulfill State management functions of developing the technology market and supporting the establishment and development of Science and Technology enterprises; as well as building and deploying domestic and international projects/programs to support and promote S&T enterprises and technology market.

Priorities of the organisation in Internationalising Higher Education

With the aim of supporting and developing science and technology enterprises as a whole, internationalizing HE is one of the concerns of NATEC. From education, students, researchers and innovators can approach up-to-date knowledge and in turn, contribute to the development of Vietnam.

Expected areas to work with the UK

- Collaboration with Industry to enhance Skills for Employability
- Capacity building in Research/Research skills
- Others: Commercializing research results.

Expectation from the trip:

- Introduce about NATEC and promote international collaboration with other institutes and organizations
 - Learn experiences in the field of educating science and technology start-ups, researchers and innovators; building ecosystem for commercializing research results and start-ups
 - Build and strengthen the relationship with other organizations in the region and global
- Understand the impact of innovation on the economy, society and environment.