

Call for participation from UK universities

From 4 to 8 November 2019, British Council will be organising a working visit to the UK for the UK Vietnam Higher Education Network. The British Council in Vietnam is calling for expression of interest from UK universities in two events:

1. Hosting delegation for an institutional visit in London on morning of either 5 or 6 November 2019
2. Joining networking event: UK Vietnam Higher Education Partnership – Building sustainable partnerships for development in the new era

Details are as below

Timing: 4 – 8 November 2019**Visit objectives**

- To create an opportunity for leadership team of UK and Vietnamese universities of the UK Vietnam Higher Education Network to meet and network
- To provide Vietnamese universities an opportunity to interact with UK HEIs, professional research bodies and HE organisations in the UK in the key areas of University Links for Industry Engagement and Quality TNE development, with sub-themes on University Industry links, Technology Transfer, Programme Accreditation and Credit transfer, Curriculum Development, Start Up and Innovation, Joint Research, Joint PhD Training, etc.
- To brainstorm and agree on the strategy, direction and action plan for the UK Vietnam Higher Education Network with UK counterparts

Participants:

- Approximately 26 HE leaders from 18 Vietnamese universities
- Senior leaders from Ministry of Education and Training
- British Council in Vietnam

Working programme:

The working programme is planned to include:

- Visit to the British Council Headquarters in London to understand British Council's agenda in supporting higher education, science and research, innovation, EMI, etc.

- Meetings and networking with University UK International Unit (UUKi); Department of International Trade (DIT), Department of Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy (BEIS); UK Research Institutes (URKI), UK Academies, Quality Assurance Agency (QAA), Innovate UK that support higher education collaboration, quality assurance, research and funding opportunities
- Visits to UK universities for knowledge learning and sharing in key areas of priorities of the UK-VN HEP initiative, i.e. University leadership and governance, University Industry links, Transnational Education and Quality Assurance, and Research and Mobility. A higher education conference exploring future approaches to TNE
- A networking event with wider UK universities for partnership opportunities in Higher Education, Science and Innovation and Society
- A Leadership Strategic Meeting for UK and Vietnamese universities in the network.

Call for participation from UK universities**1. Institutional visit in London**

We are calling for expression of interest from universities, institutes, organisations, centres in London in hosting the Vietnamese delegation on one of the mornings of 5 and 6 November.

Aims:

- Showcase UK expertise, experience and models of best practices in the areas of University Leadership and Governance, Quality Assurance for Transnational Education, Research and Mobility and University links for industry engagement
- Introduce partnership opportunities to work with Vietnamese higher education institutions

Expectations:

- Provide a room for 30 to 35 delegates with refreshment (cost on refreshment will be borne by British Council in Vietnam)
- Arrange for the working agenda with relevant senior management team members
- Host the event

Benefits of hosting institution:

- Gaining an understanding of Vietnam higher education context, and opportunities for partnership

- Showcasing profile, expertise and strengths, and meeting directly with a senior delegation of HE leaders from Vietnam, led by Ministry of Education and Training for partnership discussion

Action:

Interested universities, institutes, organisations, centres in London can complete the [registration form](#) by **10 October 2019** with details about:

- The areas of expertise that you would like to showcase to Vietnamese universities
- The involvement of senior team of your institution in the visit
- The support you provide towards the organisation of the event at your own university (e.g. venue, refreshment, etc.)
- Preferred date to host the delegation (morning of 5 or 6 of November)

The British Council will confirm the institution(s) to visit by 11 October 2019.

2. Networking: UK Vietnam Higher Education Partnership – Building sustainable partnerships for development in the new era

British Council in Vietnam would like to invite UK universities, institutes, organisations and centres to take part in the networking event with details as below

- Time: 12.00 – 17.00, Tuesday 5 November 2019
- Venue: *British Council, 10 Spring Gardens, London*

Aims

- Providing Vietnamese HEIs an introduction to British Council work to support higher education partnership with overseas countries
- Introducing Vietnamese HEIs key UK HE sector bodies who bring along opportunities for partnership in research, innovation, teaching and learning
- Providing UK HEIs an update about Vietnam higher education agenda and opportunities for partnerships
- Facilitating for networking and discussion for UK Vietnam partnerships

Participants:

- British Council
- UK HE sector bodies
- 20 representatives from UK universities

- 30 representatives from Vietnamese universities

Agenda will include:

- Presentation on British Council's initiative to support partnership in higher education, science and innovation, and social innovation
- Presentation by UK HE sector bodies that supports for education partnerships between the two countries
- Presentation by Vietnamese HE leader(s) on internationalising of higher education in Vietnam and opportunities
- Sharing about comparative studies on University leadership and governance, and quality assurance in the UK and Vietnam, with suggestions to fill the gap.

Action:

Interested UK universities can complete the [registration form](#) by **10 October 2019**. As place is very limited, we would like to limit to one representative from each UK institution to join the event.

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Background information on UK – VN Higher Education Partnership

- The UK Vietnam Higher Education Partnership (UK-VN HEP) Initiative helps enable partnerships between the UK and Vietnam, creating opportunities for UK institutions to share knowledge and experience with Vietnam partners through delivering a range of diversified and meaningful activities to strengthen collaboration, supporting Vietnam HEIs in comprehensive improvement in quality of teaching, learning, research and technology transfer to respond to the need of high quality workforce so that to improve Vietnam competitiveness regionally and globally.
- For 2018-2020, 12 projects under the areas of Leadership and Governance, TNE and Quality Assurance, University Industry link, and Research and Mobility were

supported under the UK-VN HEP with the participation of over 50 UK and Vietnamese higher education institutions, businesses and organisations.

- To enable sharing between the projects, the UK Vietnam Higher Education Network was formally introduced by Vice Minister Nguyen Van Phuc during the UK Vietnam Higher Education Collaboration Forum in October 2018 with an aim of contributing to the implementation of ambitious education reform in Vietnam, driving the move towards a knowledge economy and continuing to strengthen the UK's position as a world leader and valued partner in higher education and research.
- The UK Vietnam HE Network initially comprises UK and Vietnamese universities, organisations and businesses who join in partnerships under the UK-VN HEP initiative and is subject to expand to include new members.
- The network is expected to be a platform for UK and Vietnam HEIs to discuss future teaching and research priorities of two countries through partnerships. Furthermore, The network creates the opportunity to connect with other UK-VN HEP projects and to further learning and engagement, to discuss new models, case studies learned through UK-VN HEP projects, and to learn and share UK and Vietnam experience and expertise in key priorities for higher education in Vietnam which are Leadership and Governance, TNE and Quality Assurance, University Industry link, and Research and Mobility.
- The first official leadership meeting of the network was carried out in June 2019 in Ho Chi Minh City with mostly Vietnamese universities. The meeting resulted in an agreed governance framework of the network and a plan until March 2020.
- The second leadership meeting of the network is planned to take place in the UK in November 2019.