

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
ON COOPERATION IN EDUCATION AND TRAINING
BETWEEN
THE GOVERNMENT OF AUSTRALIA
AND
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF VIET NAM

The Government of Australia and the Government of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam (hereinafter referred to as "the Participants") have reached the following understandings:

I: OBJECTIVE

This Memorandum of Understanding replaces the Memorandum of Understanding on Cooperation in Education and Training between the Government of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam and the Government of Australia signed in Hanoi on 24 October 2013.

This Memorandum of Understanding (hereinafter the 'Memorandum') is to enhance and promote cooperation between the Participants, for the purpose of implementing activities in the fields of education, research and professional development, on the basis of reciprocity and mutual benefit.

II: PRINCIPLES OF COOPERATION

The Participants, in accordance with their own laws, policies, rules and regulations, will foster cooperation in the fields of education, research and professional development, with regard to:

- i. Developing inter-governmental cooperation through consultations between the two countries in order to address activities for mutual interest, including coordinated work in multilateral fora;
- ii. Sharing of knowledge and skills via interaction, such as meetings, conferences and symposia.

III: SPECIFIC AREAS OF COOPERATION

Fields of cooperation identified as priority areas include the following:

- i. School Education**
 - a. Encouraging cooperation on improving teacher quality and curriculum development and delivery with the view to creating opportunities for Australian and Vietnamese providers;
 - b. Sharing information on improving learning outcomes for minority population groups.
- ii. English language**
 - a. Encouraging institutional collaboration in English language training development and delivery, especially in the area of 'Academic English' for tertiary education;
 - b. Sharing information on the professional development of English teachers.
- iii. Higher Education**
 - a. Encouraging collaboration between Viet Nam and Australia on higher education policy, quality assurance arrangements and good governance;
 - b. Fostering high-quality institutional linkages between Australian universities and quality institutions in Viet Nam;
 - c. Cooperating and sharing best practice on university governance, strengthening training and improving capacity of academic staff and administrators to encourage Vietnamese and Australian universities to undertake regular dialogue;
 - d. Information sharing on the use of new education technology, policy and governance needed for distance education, online and blended learning and managing new education disruption technologies.
- iv. Research**
 - a. Encouraging innovation and better research collaboration between Australian and Vietnamese institutions, including working with industry in course design, research and employment outcomes.
- v. Mobility**
 - a. Promoting student, academic and researcher mobility and exchange programs, as mutually determined by the Participants;
 - b. Promoting international scholarships offered by government and institutions from both countries.
- vi. Other**
 - a. Other fields of education and training cooperation as may be mutually determined.

Specific activities that may be carried out within the framework of this Memorandum will be mutually determined by the Participants, including specific objectives and commitments, as well as any other aspect that needs to be determined in connection with each activity.

IV: FOLLOW-UP

For the purposes of adequately coordinating and following up on cooperation activities developed under this Memorandum, the Participants designate the following agencies:

- Ministry of Education and Training of Vietnam
- Department of Education and Training of Australia

V: ECONOMIC COMMITMENT

Each Participant will bear its own expenses in connection with this Memorandum, unless otherwise determined by the Participants. The cost of all cooperation activities carried out by the Participants in the implementation of this Memorandum will be borne as mutually determined. All cooperation activities undertaken by the Participants under this Memorandum will be subject to the availability of funds.

Each of the Participants will allocate and manage funding for cooperation activities in accordance with its own laws and regulations.

VI: AMENDMENT

This Memorandum may be amended by the mutual determination of the Participants. A Participant that wishes to amend the Memorandum will notify the other in writing, including all relevant details. Amendments will become effective once each Participant has notified the other in writing of its consent, in accordance with its own laws, policies, rules and regulations.

VII: TERM

This Memorandum will come into effect on the date of its signature and will remain in effect unless either Participant informs the other in writing, at least six months in advance of the date of termination, of its intention to terminate the Memorandum.

VIII: DISPUTE SETTLEMENT

Any dispute or conflict that may arise between the Participants in connection with the interpretation or application of this Memorandum will be resolved through direct interaction and cooperation.

IX: SUPPLEMENTARY PROVISIONS

This Memorandum represents the entire understanding between the Participants, and does not create any rights or binding commitments between them.

The undersigned, being duly authorised by their respective governments, have signed this Memorandum of Understanding.

Signed in Canberra on 15 March 2018 in two originals, each in the English and Vietnamese languages, all texts are equally valid.

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