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This year marks the 45th anniversary of diplomatic relations between Australia and Vietnam. Our bilateral relationship has never been stronger, with the signing of a Strategic Partnership, a new Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between the Department of Education and Training and the Ministry of Education and Training in the fields of education, research and professional development, and an MoU with the Ministry of Labour, Invalids,

and Social Affairs on vocational education and training. Education remains a key pillar of the partnership, as both countries seek to expand greater cooperation.

During the financial year of 2017-2018, the breadth and depth of the education and training relationship increased, supported by activities undertaken by the Department of Education and Training and Austrade in Vietnam.

This update highlights activities that support the *National Strategy for International Education 2025* and the *Australian International Education 2025*. Activities such as the establishment of the Australia in Vietnam Education and Training Advisory Group will improve coordination and collaboration across governments, education and training institutions and increase links with industry.

The ASPIRES\* program is a new initiative that profiles education and training experts and positions Australia as one of Vietnam's preferred knowledge and skills partners.

*\*Australian Speakers and Partners in Research, Education and Skills*

We elevated the status of vocational education and training in Vietnam as an aspirational career pathway, we hosted workshops to profile the new International Skills Training (IST) courses in Vietnam and led a senior research delegation from Vietnam to Australia.

Both agencies are committed to strengthening the bilateral skills, education and research relationship with Vietnam, and advocating opportunities on behalf of all Australian education and training providers.

We hope you will find this update useful and we look forward to welcoming you to Vietnam.

To stay up to date about Education activities in Vietnam please visit our Facebook page Australian Education in Vietnam.

 <https://www.facebook.com/AustralianEducationinVietnam>



Photo from the signing of the MOU on Vocational Education and Training - 15 March 2018, Canberra

## DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND TRAINING

Australian Embassy Hanoi Vietnam

### Memoranda Of Understanding (MOUs)

On 15 March 2018 Prime Minister Turnbull signed a historic Strategic Partnership Agreement with Vietnam's Prime Minister Phuc. At the same time, Australia and Vietnam have signed two agreements that will strengthen the ties between the two countries and create new opportunities in skills, education and research.

Assistant Minister for Vocational Education and Skills the Hon. Karen Andrews MP, signed an MoU on Vocational Education and Training with Minister Dao Ngoc Dung from Ministry of Labour, Invalids and Social Affairs and another MoU on broader education with Vice Minister Nguyen Van Phuc from the Ministry of Education and Training. Both will lead to an increase in cooperation between Australia and Vietnam.

For more information, please visit:

<https://ministers.education.gov.au/andrews/new-agreements-open-new-opportunities-vietnam-education-and-skills-training>

### ASPIRES Program

#### Australian Speakers And Partners In Research Education And Skills Program

The Education Team at the Australian Embassy has hosted six ASPIRES events in partnership with the government of Vietnam. The events have attracted over 600 participants and generated more than 70 media articles, TV interviews and social media posts. ASPIRES is a great way to profile Australian expertise in VET, higher education and research and position Australia as Vietnam's preferred knowledge and skills partner.

The ASPIRES program is facilitated by the Education and Science Counsellor and the Education Team at the Australian Embassy in Hanoi. All events are held in collaboration with either the Ministry of Education and Training or the Ministry of Labour, Invalids and Social Affairs.

Having Australian experts speak about Vietnam's hot topics has been a great way to ensure our message is on target and of interest to the education sector. Many of the participants include senior government people, heads of universities and VET institutions.

Photo from the ASPIRES workshop on Building an Internationally Competitive University with an outstanding Research Culture and robust Industry Links - 21 March 2018, Melia Hotel in Hanoi



The ASPIRES program is open to subject matter experts visiting Vietnam from Australian Universities and Vocational Education and Training Providers. Hot topics in Vietnam include:

- University rankings
- Institutional autonomy
- Institutional governance
- Research partnerships with industry
- Curriculum development
- Teacher quality
- How to work with industry
- Industry 4.0
- Graduate employability
- Improving the status of VET as an aspirational career pathway

### Australia In Vietnam Education And Training Advisory Group

The Australia in Vietnam Education and Training Advisory Group includes representatives from government (Department of Education and Training, Austrade, DFAT and State and Territory governments), sector representatives from English language, Vocational Education and Training (VET), Higher Education (HE) and Australian industry in Vietnam.

The Advisory Group will help provide strategic direction and leadership to ensure a unified approach on education and training activity in Vietnam.

Through an agreed and coordinated approach involving government, industry and institutions, we aspire to strengthen Australia's education and training relationship with Vietnam and maximise opportunities for learning and prosperity for current and future generations. The Advisory Group has met five times since its establishment in August 2017 and is chaired by the Education and Science Counsellor, Australian Embassy, Hanoi.



Photo from the inaugural meeting of the Education Advisory Group - 16 August 2017 Australian Embassy, Hanoi.

### Australian Education In Vietnam Facebook Page

The Australian Education in Vietnam Facebook page provides information, videos, posts, interviews and news about education and training in relation to Australia-Vietnam collaborations in focus on several major themes.

- Education and Training
- Research
- Events
- Interviews



Ensuring the credibility and usefulness of the information published on Australian Education in Vietnam and creating interesting and enjoyable content are our key priorities.

Australian Education in Vietnam content is available in Vietnamese and English. Australian Education in Vietnam has received positive interaction from Vietnamese and Australian audiences.

We hope you will like and follow this page. It's a great way to stay current about education and skills activities in Vietnam.

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Vietnamese delegates in Brisbane - October 2017

### Australia–Vietnam Research Delegation Program (9-20 October 2017):

#### Promoting Australian excellence in Health, Agriculture, Marine Science and Environmental Science Research

The Department of Education and Training and Austrade in Vietnam co-organised the Australia–Vietnam Research Delegation Program aimed at fostering the development of institutional partnerships and joint research proposals. The program had participation from Vietnam’s Ministry of Education and Training and Ministry of Science and Technology, along with seven senior leaders from key research institutions and research-intensive universities in Vietnam. The program provided excellent opportunities for participating Vietnamese institutions to develop strategic partnerships with Australian universities and key science and research agencies in health, agriculture, marine science and environmental science. The high-level face-to-face discussions with key Australian universities and research agencies in Brisbane, Sydney, Canberra, and Melbourne provided a foundation for continuing discussion and longer term institutional collaboration aligned to Vietnam and Australia’s priorities and institutional strengths.

### International Skills Training (IST) Courses



The International Skills Training Courses (IST Courses) were launched as an Australian Government initiative in 2017. This initiative will oversee the delivery of vocational training courses specifically designed and developed for the offshore international student market. These non-AQF courses aim to address critical competency gaps, support global skills needs in the global workforce and the provide Australian registered training organisations (RTOs) with the opportunity to offer additional products to support overseas stakeholders to meet their diverse skills needs.

The courses have been developed in partnership with industry to help support the global demand for skilled trainers and assessors. The IST courses for Trainers and Assessors have been piloted in 10 countries to over 800 international students.

The Education Team in Hanoi co-organised several events with the Government of Vietnam and Austrade to introduce the IST courses to Vietnamese government, training providers, industry groups and other stakeholders.

Please contact Austrade for more opportunities about the delivery of IST courses in Vietnam.

For more information, please go to:

<https://www.education.gov.au/internationalskillstraining>

Photo from the inaugural workshop on the International Skills Training (IST) Courses for Trainer and Assessors – 30 January 2018, Hanoi College of Electronics and Mechanics



### Australian Vocational Education And Training (VET) Alumni in Vietnam

Taste of Australia is an Australian Embassy Vietnam-wide celebration of Australian food, beverages and culinary culture.

As part of Taste of Australia, the Department hosted three outstanding VET alumni, to Vietnam 3-7 April:

- Mr Stephen Lunn (2015 Australian Training Awards VET Trainer of the Year)
- Ms Emilia Montague (2017 World Skills Australia Skillaroo)
- Ms Samantha Masih (2015 Tasmanian Australian School-based Apprentice of the Year and ATA finalist)

The three were in Vietnam to share their knowledge and experience of Australian skills training in the hospitality and tourism sector and to help improve the status of VET as an aspirational career pathway.

The VET Alumni presented at more than six events in Hanoi and Ho Chi Minh to more than 1,000 people. Events included “Skills Sharing Sessions” at KOTO Training Centre and the Hanoi Tourism College with more than 200 students, government representatives and media attending. They provided short course training to more than a 100 students in Ho Chi Minh and they developed and demonstrated the Taste of Australia signature cocktail at gala events in Hanoi and Ho Chi Minh with more than 800 guests attending. The VET Ambassadors impressed everyone they met and wowed audiences.



Emilia, Samantha and Stephen demonstrating their professional skills at the Hanoi Tourism College - 4 April 2018

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# AUSTRALIAN TRADE AND INVESTMENT COMMISSION (AUSTRADE)



Photo from the Roundtable Discussion on Sunrise Industries In The Asia Pacific: What Are The Impacts For Vietnam – 29 November 2017, Ho Chi Minh City

## Roundtable Discussion

### “Sunrise Industries In The Asia Pacific: What Are The Impacts For Vietnam?”

Dr. Stefan Hajkowicz, Principal Lead Scientist of Data61 Insight Team (CSIRO), led a discussion with a presentation on the strategic foresight project ‘Sunrise industries in the Asia Pacific’ to representatives of government, industry and research institutions. The project identified trends and drivers of emerging industries in the region, including digital enabled finance, knowledge process outsourcing, additive manufacturing, high value nutrition, digital health, energy storage, digital regulatory industry and mariculture industry.

The event was an excellent opportunity to position and profile Australia as the destination of innovation with home-grown scientist in strategic foresight as well as to bridge key Vietnamese industry champions with Australian research capabilities.

The roundtable discussion was followed by a site visit to Silicon Straight Saigon, one of the most dynamic start-up ecosystems and incubators for young innovators in Ho Chi Minh City.



Photo from the workshop on International Skills Training (IST) Courses for Trainers and Assessors - 30 January 2018, Australian Embassy in Hanoi

## International Skills Training (IST) Courses For Trainers And Assessors

### With The Focus On Tourism And Hospitality Sector In Vietnam

More than thirty representatives from Vietnamese government, local training service providers, and hotel and resort groups joined the workshop, co-organised by the Australian Trade and Investment Commission and the Australian Department of Education and Training in Vietnam.

This event introduced the IST courses to the participants and provided an understanding of how these courses are delivered and their benefits for the industry.

## Vietnam-Australia Tourism and Hospitality Education Roundtable 2018:

### Profiling Australia As A Destination Of Quality Education and Training In Tourism and Hospitality to Build Potential Partnerships

With the objective of promoting Australian capability in tourism and hospitality education and training, the event attracted 10 leading Australian academic and vocational institutions and more than 50 Vietnamese education and training providers and industry representatives.

The roundtable began off with a panel discussion on “Innovative Business Partnership Model: Enhancing Tourism and Hospitality Human Resources in Vietnam”, followed by one-on-one meetings.



Photo from the Vietnam-Australia Tourism And Hospitality Education Roundtable – 9 March 2018, Ho Chi Minh City

## Future Unlimited Education Agent Briefing 2018:

### Enhancing International Recruitment Activities

As part of the key stakeholder engagement strategy, Austrade Vietnam organised the annual Future Unlimited Education Agent Briefing and connected the two cities of more than 200 agent education counsellors via video conferencing. The briefing provided education counsellors with market updates, enrolment trends, and the policy of Australian Government on International Education. This year we also invited two guest speakers to share how artificial intelligence is changing the international education recruitment and brand development principles in education businesses.



Photo from the Future Unlimited Education Agent Briefing 2018 – 13 June 2018, Ho Chi Minh City and Hanoi



Photo from the Workshop On Building Research Management Skills For Researchers In Vietnam – 21 May 2018, Hanoi University of Social Sciences and Humanities

### Workshop On Building Research Management Skills For Researchers In Vietnam:

#### Investing In Research Management Training In Vietnam

Austrade facilitated the Australasian Research Management Society (ARMS) and Vietnam National University - University of Social Sciences and Humanities in organising this workshop, with the funding from Australian Government. This event aimed to build capacity of research management in VNU and was expected to be multiplied to a wider scope later.

The collaboration between ARMS and VNU-USSH in promoting research management profession was marked by a Memorandum of Understanding signed on the same day.



Photo from Vietnam-Australia ICT Education Showcase 2018 – 16 and 18 May 2018, Hanoi and Ho Chi Minh City

### Vietnam-Australia ICT Education Showcase 2018:

#### Strengthening Industry Linkage, Building Capacity And Enhancing Research And Commercial Collaboration

Seven leading universities and training institutions joined forces to showcase Australian ICT education expertise and research excellence.

The showcase was well attended by over 200 representatives from Vietnamese Government, universities, vocational and training colleges, industry and businesses. Key highlights included:

- Training demands on ICT: Priorities and Challenges for Vietnam – briefing by Ministry of Information and Communications
- Industry 4.0: The implications for ICT human capital development in Vietnam – keynote by Vietnam Internet Association
- A panel discussion on “Innovative solutions to quality human resources in the digital age in Vietnam”, exploring opportunities and challenges of ICT human capital facing businesses in Vietnam and how Australian education could help bridge the skills gap.

The Australian delegates also visited Ton Duc Thang University and DEK Technologies to gain market insights and exchange collaboration ideas.

### Future Unlimited School Campaigns:

#### Let’s Study In Australia

In 2017-2018, Austrade Vietnam has actively promoted Study in Australia, engaging with a wide-range of key stakeholders:

- Alumni: panel discussion at exhibitions organised by key education agents
- School counsellors: Information sessions tailored for Professional Development Counsellors of both international and private local schools in Ho Chi Minh city.
- In-country representatives: Supporting the network of more than 30 members in organising school tours and information sessions for students and parents at both local and international high schools in Hanoi and Ho Chi Minh City.
- Australian academics: Organising professional exchanges to profile Australian capabilities to spearhead industries of Australia (e.g. Food and Beverage, ICT)



Photo from Future Unlimited School Campaigns – 11 May 2018, Hanoi International School

