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4th British Council New Directions in
English Language Assessment:
Standardised Testing and Proficiency Scales

13 – 14 October 2016
HANOI VIETNAM

THE BRITISH COUNCIL NEW DIRECTIONS 2016
Day 1 Thursday, 13 October 2016 - Sheraton Hanoi Hotel

Location	Session	Time		Event/Speakers		
Foyer	Reception	08.00 – 9.00	60 mins	Registration		
Song Hong Grand Ballroom	Opening	09.15 – 09.55	40 mins	Opening address and ceremony		
	Plenary 1	09.55 – 10.40	45 mins	**Plenary 1** **Jamie Dunlea**, Senior Researcher for the Language Assessment Research Group, British Council, UK *Tensions and synergies in standardised testing: Making the numbers meaningful*		
	Break	10.40 – 11.10	30 mins	Tea Break		
	Plenary 2	11.10 – 11.55	45 mins	**Plenary 2** **Jessica Wu**, Program Director, The Language Training and Testing Centre, Taiwan *A locally appropriate English language test – locality, globality and validity*		
Hotel restaurants	Lunch	12.00 – 13.10	70 mins	Lunch Break		
Song Hong GrandBallroom Song Thao Ballroom Song Da Ballroom	Break-out sessions	13.10 – 15.00	1 hr 50 mins	Song Hong Ballroom sub-theme 1 **Standardised testing**	Song Da Ballroom sub-theme 2 **Proficiency scales**	Song Thao Ballroom sub-theme 3 **Performance-based testing**
		13.10 – 13.40	30 mins	**Jamie Dunlea**, Senior Researcher, , Language Assessment Research Group, British Council, UK *Reporting on the pilot phase of a test comparability project.* Co-presenter: **Nguyen Thi Ngoc Quynh**, Director of the Center for Language Testing and Assessment, University of Languages and International Studies, Vietnam National University, Vietnam	**Ha Nguyen**, Southern Illinois University Carbondale, Vietnam *Writing skills development in relation to CEFR: A Vietnamese case study*	**Nhi Tran**, Vice Dean, Thai Nguyen University School of Foreign Languages, Vietnam *The impact of Aptis on the learning of English* Co-presenter: **Hanh Nong**, Thai Deputy head of Academic Department, Thai Nguyen University School of Foreign Languages, Vietnam
		13.50 – 14.20	30 mins	**Rhiannon Moore**, Education Research Officer, Young Lives, University of Oxford, UK	**Chihiro Inoue**, Lecturer in Language Assessment, University of Bedfordshire, UK	**Sheryl Cooke,** National Examiner Manager, British Council, China *Performance-based testing: Contributing to test validity through continuous professional development*

				Assessing 'functional English' in Vietnam, India and Ethiopia	*Enhancing scoring validity of direct speaking tests: Construct(s) measured by live, audio and video rating modes*	Co-presenter: **Paul Robinson**, Deputy national Examination Manager, British Council, China
		14.30 – 15.00	30 mins	**Keith O'Hare**, Director English for Education Systems, British Council. Malaysia *Improving English teachers' proficiency: Effective baselines and positive backwash*	**Nguyen Thi Ngoc Quynh**, Director, Center for Language Testing and Assessment, University of Languages and International Studies, Vietnam National University, Vietnam *Aligning to CEFR: From assessment to curriculum design*	**Martin Goosey**, , Head of Young Learners, British Council Vietnam *Assessing primary learners: The class star? Or the class triangle?*
Foyer	Break	15.00 – 15.30	30 mins	Tea break		
Song Hong Grand Ballroom	**Plenary 3**	15.30 – 16.15	45 mins	**Plenary 3** **Gad Lim**, Principal Research Manager, Cambridge English Language Assessment, UK *Standardised tests in support of language improvement in school systems: Insights from elsewhere in education*		
	Panel Discussion	16. 20 – 17.10	50 mins	**Topic: Test centres and standardised testing: Challenges, issues and benefits** Panel • **Nguyen Thi Mai Huu**, Executive Deputy Director, National Foreign Language Project 2020, Vice Director of the Center for Language Testing and Assessment • **Jessica Wu**, Program Director, Research and Development Office, Language Training and Testing Center, Taiwan • **Jamie Dunlea**, Senior Researcher, Assessment Research Group, British Council, UK • **Richard West**, ELT consultant Discussant / Chair: **Victoria Clark**, East Asia Assessment Development Manager, British Council, HK		
	Closing	17.10 – 17.15	5 mins	**Victoria Clark**, East Asia Assessment Development Manager, British Council, HK		
	Workshop	17.20 – 18.20	60 mins	**Adrian Raper**, Technical Director, ClarityEnglish, Hong Kong *Making blended learning work: Three practical case studies*		