

## UK Inward Mission – Innovation, Digital Transformation, Quality Assurance and Impact in Higher Education (HE)

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### UK-Viet Nam Higher Education partnership development

The British Council in Viet Nam invites UK Higher Education Institutions, professional bodies, and UK Ed-tech companies to join the networking event **‘UK-Viet Nam Higher Education partnership development’**:

- Time: 09.00–13.00, Monday 24 October 2022
- Venue: British Council, 1 Redman Place, London E20 1JQ, United Kingdom.

#### Event summary

The event is part of the UK Inward Mission that British Council is organising for Vietnamese Higher Education (HE) leaders to the UK in the week of 24–28 October 2022. The main theme of the inward mission is Innovation, Digital Transformation, Quality Assurance and Impact of Higher Education.

This visit underlines the British Council’s commitment to Education that provides quality support for international education and education exchange; that promotes increased engagement with UK education, qualifications and research; and that achieves a strong global reputation for UK education, supported by new partnerships and system reform. In addition, this mission follows the Memorandum of Collaboration in Education between the British Council and Ministry of Education and Training in Viet Nam.

The event aims to

- create a platform for sharing HE policies in the UK and Viet Nam that facilitate partnership development between the two countries
- support Vietnamese universities to understand about the relevance, innovation and impact of higher education sector in the UK; the TNE scale, impact and social value; and the quality assurance that ensures performance and reputation for higher education
- provide the UK sector the chance to understand priorities of Vietnamese higher education agenda and partnership opportunities in student exchange, transnational education, research collaboration, etc.
- provide networking opportunities between UK stakeholders and Vietnamese delegation

## Participants

The delegation from Viet Nam includes:

- Director General, Higher Education Department, Ministry of Education and Training
- 14 Presidents, Vice Presidents, Head of Departments from Vietnamese universities
- British Council staff

A full list of delegates, their profiles and interests in partnership with UK universities can be found in annex 1 and annex 2.

Organisations in the UK tentatively include:

- The Embassy of Viet Nam in London
- Ministries/UK organisations and professional bodies such as DfE, BEIS, Office of Student, DIT, UKRI, UUKi, QAA, Global Wales, Taith Wales initiative, HE representatives from the devolved administrations
- UK universities
- UK Ed-Tech companies, education-related companies
- Vietnamese Intellectual Society in the UK and Ireland (VIS).

## Programme

<b>Monday 24.10.2022</b>	<b>Higher level engagement – HE policies facilitating partnership development</b>
<b>09.00</b>	<p><b>Workshop: UK – Viet Nam Higher Education partnership development</b>  <i>@ British Council, 1 Redman Place, London E20 1JQ, United Kingdom</i></p> <p>The workshop aims to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• create a platform for sharing HE policies in the UK and Viet Nam that facilitate partnership development between the two countries</li> <li>• support Vietnamese universities to understand about the relevance, innovation and impact of higher education sector in the UK; the quality assurance that ensures performance and reputation for higher education; the TNE scale, impact and social value; and the quality assurance that ensures performance and reputation for higher education</li> <li>• provide the UK sector the chance to understand priorities of Vietnamese higher education agenda and partnership opportunities in student exchange, transnational education, research collaboration, etc.</li> <li>• provide networking opportunities between UK stakeholders and Vietnamese delegation</li> </ul>
<b>09.00</b>	Guest arrival and networking

09.30	<b>Event introduction</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Hoang Van Anh, Head of Education, British Council in Viet Nam</li> </ul>
09.35	<b>Welcome remarks</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mark Stephens, Director Culture Engagement, British Council</li> <li>Assoc Prof Nguyen Thu Thuy, Director General, Higher Education Department, Ministry of Education and Training</li> <li>Mark Crossey, Interim Assistant Director, Policy and Global Engagement, UUKi</li> </ul>
	<b>MOU exchange</b> British Council, UK-VN HE Network, and VIS
09.45	<b>UK higher education sector – relevance, innovation, and impact</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>UK HE evolution and TNE scale (15 minutes)</b> Joana Westphal, Policy Advisor, Research and TNE, UUKi</li> <li><b>TNE impact and social value (10 minutes)</b> Kevin Van Cauter, Principal Consultant, Higher Education, British Council</li> </ul>
10.10	<b>Viet Nam HE sector: policies and priorities, including Programme 89</b> Presenting current policies facilitating for partnership with overseas universities; priorities of the Ministry in education and training, and student mobility opportunity through Programme 89 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Assoc Prof Nguyen Thu Thuy, Director General, Higher Education Department, Ministry of Education and Training</li> </ul>
10.20	<b>Vietnamese universities on the journey to innovation and impact</b> Presenting the current context of Vietnamese HEIs working towards innovation and creating social impact <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Dr Nguyen Trung Dung, CEO, BK-Holdings, Hanoi University of Science and Technology</li> </ul>
10.30	<b>Q&amp;A and short break</b>
10.40	<b>UK – Viet Nam Going Global Partnerships opportunities</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Hoang Van Anh, Head of Education, British Council in Viet Nam</li> </ul>

<b>10.50</b>	<p><b>Panel discussion: UK-Viet Nam Partnership development</b></p> <p>Sharing current activities facilitating partnership between the UK and Viet Nam, with suggestions for future partnerships.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Assoc Prof Huynh Quyet Thang, President, Hanoi University of Science and Technology, Chair, UK-VN HE Network</i></li> <li>• <i>Prof Nguyen Xuan Huan, Chair, Vietnamese Intellectual Society in the UK and Ireland, Director of London Digital Twin Research Centre, Middlesex University</i></li> <li>• <i>Hoang Van Anh, Head of Education, British Council in Viet Nam</i></li> <li>• <i>Eduardo Ramos, Head of Transnational Education, UUKi</i></li> <li>• <i>Dr Alison Felce, Head of Accreditation and Consultancy, QAA</i></li> <li>• <i>Dr Esther Wilkinson, Head of International, Jisc</i></li> </ul> <p><i>Facilitated by Prof Raymond Lee, Associate Dean (Global Engagement), Professor of Biomechanics, University of Portsmouth, Co-Chair, UK-VN HE Network.</i></p>
<b>11.30</b>	Networking lunch
<b>13.00</b>	End

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## Annex 1: Vietnamese delegation

No.	Organisation	Title	Delegate name	Job title
1	Ministry of Education and Training	Assoc Prof	Nguyen Thu Thuy	Director General, Higher Education Department
2	Hanoi University of Science and Technology	Assoc Prof	Huynh Quyet Thang	President
3		Dr	Nguyen Trung Dung	CEO, BK-Holdings
4		Assoc Prof	Vu Duy Hai	Director, Biomedical Electronics Center
5		Dr	Bui Thi Ngoc Thuy	Deputy Head, External Affairs Office
6	Hanoi University of Mining and Geology	Prof	Tran Thanh Hai	Rector
7		Assoc Prof	Nguyen Thi Hoai Nga	Head, International Office
8	Phenikaa University	Assoc Prof	Nguyen Phu Khanh	Vice President
9		Dr	Ngo Thi Thuy Huong	Research Leader, ECET Lab
10	University of Social Sciences and Humanities, Viet Nam National University, Ho Chi Minh City	Dr	Nguyen Nu Nguyet Anh	Dean, Faculty of Sociology
11	University of Education, Viet Nam National University, Hanoi	Dr	Ton Quang Cuong	Dean, Faculty of Education Technology
12		Assoc Prof	Pham Thi Thanh Hai	Director, Science and Corporate Development Department
13	University of Transport and Communications - Campus in Ho Chi Minh City	Dr	Vo Truong Son	Vice General Director
14		Dr	Nguyen Van Du	Head, Academic Affairs Office
15		Dr	Ha Trung Hieu	Vice Head, Science, Technology and International Cooperation Office
16	British Council	Ms	Hoang Van Anh	Head of Education
17		Ms	Phan Thi Bao Phi	Programme Manager, Education

## Annex 2: Profiles of delegates from Vietnamese universities

### Ministry of Education and Training



#### **Assoc Prof Nguyen Thu Thuy, Director General, Higher Education Department, Ministry of Education and Training**

Associate Professor Nguyen Thu Thuy is Director General, Higher Education Department, Ministry of Education and Training, Viet Nam.

Before that, she was Deputy Director General, Higher Education Department, and has a long academic career as former Vice President for research and international cooperation of Foreign Trade University, Viet Nam. Dr Thuy got her PhD in Finance from Rotterdam School of Management (Erasmus University, Rotterdam, the Netherlands), M.Sc. of Finance from Tilburg University (Tilburg, the Netherlands), M.A. of Development Economics from Institute of Social Studies (the Hague, the Netherlands) and National Economics University (Hanoi, Viet Nam), and B.A. of International Economics from Foreign Trade University (Hanoi, Viet Nam).

Dr Thuy's professional activities focus extensively on higher education governance, besides economics and finance. She also acts as local consultant for various educational capacity-building projects of Vietnam's Ministry of Education and Training (BCEP, TBS2, HEP2). Dr Thuy has published extensively in academic journals, both locally and internationally, and written many books and textbooks.

### Hanoi University of Science and Technology (HUST)

Hanoi University of Science and Technology (HUST) is known as one of the most attractive destinations for talented students in science, engineering, and technology. As a Higher Education institution, HUST was accredited in 2017 by HCERES. In 2020, HUST was among the top universities in Asia according to Times Higher Education. HUST is particularly interested in the fields of Science, Technology, and Innovation.

The link of the HUST's website is <https://en.hust.edu.vn/home>



#### **Assoc Prof Huynh Quyet Thang, President**

Associate Professor Huynh Quyet Thang is a transformative leader of Hanoi University of Science and Technology (HUST), who was awarded a PhD in Computer Science at Bulgaria's Technical University of Varna in 1995. For over two decades, along with his inspiring teaching career, he worked as Deputy Head of the Department of Software Engineering, Head of the Software Engineering Department, and Vice Dean of Faculty of Information Technology. From 2015 to 2018, he was promoted to Dean of the School of Information and Communication Technology and became the University's Vice President in charge of International and Industry Relations. After a one-year secondment at the Ministry of Education and Training, Assoc Prof Thang served as Vice

President of Hanoi University of Science and Technology, responsible for Education and Student Affairs. In September 2020, he was elected President of Hanoi University of Science and Technology. Besides his expertise, Assoc Prof Thang has wide-ranging experiences in ICT curriculum development and university management. Assoc Prof Thang actively participates in a number of influential associations, such as the US-based Association for Computing Machinery - the world's largest professional association – the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers, the Viet Nam

Association for Information Processing, as well as the Viet Nam Software and Information Technology Services Association.



**Dr Bui Thi Ngoc Thuy, Deputy Head, External Affairs Office**

Bui Thuy Thi Ngoc obtained her PhD in the U.S. In 2015, she was awarded the Australian Executive Fellowship to work as a visiting scholar at the University of Sydney. She has experiences working as a senior academic manager, a lecturer, and a researcher. Besides her academic positions, she actively works as a community project manager. Her projects focus on enhancing academic and personal development skills for disadvantaged minority people, community leaders, and local activists.

From the event programme, she hopes to develop a network of partners; expand research opportunities, entrepreneurship and innovation; and promote leadership and governance.



**Dr Nguyen Trung Dung, CEO, BK-Holdings**

Dr Dung has over 20 years' experience in investment, training, incubation and technology transfer in Viet Nam. He has been the founder and investor of more than ten educational institutions, science and technology enterprises. In 2017, he was selected as the Ambassador of Viet Nam by the World Innovation Forum (WIF).

From the event programme, he hopes to learn about Innovation, Knowledge and Technology transfer and Vocational Training.



**Assoc Prof Dr Vu Duy Hai, Director, Biomedical Electronics Center**

Dr Vu Duy Hai is an Associate Professor of Biomedical engineering, and Director of the Biomedical Electronics Center at Hanoi University of Science and Technology. He received a PhD from Hanoi University of Science and Technology in 2013 and became Associate Professor of Biomedical Engineering in 2016. He has published more than 50 papers and book chapters on biomedical engineering. His research range extends to bio-signal processing and applications, medical instrumentation, integrated electronic medical records, and AI for health.

**Hanoi University of Mining and Geology (HUMG)**

Hanoi University of Mining and Geology is a comprehensive university in Viet Nam, offering training, research and technology transfer in mines, geosciences, and relevant fields. HUMG provides highly qualified human resources through education and training, scientific research, and knowledge transfer, to meet the demands of society and global integration. By the year 2030, HUMG will become a research-oriented and multidisciplinary university with a high reputation in Viet Nam and the international community.



The university is in partnership with several universities in the UK, such as the University of Salford and the University of Bristol. HUMG is looking for the collaboration with other UK partners to deploy Project 89, join research and publication, and reform training programs.

The link for the HUMG website is <https://humg.edu.vn/en/Pages/home.aspx>.



#### **Prof Tran Thanh Hai, Rector**

Professor Tran Thanh Hai is currently Rector of Hanoi University of Mining and Geology (HUMG), full professor of Geology. He specialises in tectonics, coastal hazards, geomorphology and related fields. In addition, he is a member of the National Committee for International Geoscience Program (IGCP VN) from UNESCO Viet Nam (from October 2013 to 2018); President of Solid Earth Sciences, Association of Geosciences Asia-Oceania (AOGS) (from July 2014 to July 2016); Vice President of the Earth Science Council, National Foundation for Science and Technology Development (NAFOSTED) (from December 2017 to December 2019); and President of the Earth Science Council, NAFOSTED (from January 2022 to present). He has led many scientific research projects, including three at national-level and three at ministerial-level.

From the event programme, he hopes to meet partners with whom to develop collaboration opportunities in research and HE education.



#### **Assoc Prof Dr Nguyen Thi Hoai Nga, Head, International Office**

Dr Nguyen Thi Hoai Nga is an Associate Professor DrIng in mining management. She has more than 20 years of teaching and research experience in mining management and working safety. In addition, she is a member of the Advisory Council of the Section on Prevention in the Mining Industry (ISSA Mining).

### **Phenikaa University**

Phenikaa University is a member of Phenikaa Group, whose progressive achievements have helped it to become a leading Technology–Industry Group, focusing on smart production platforms, technologies, and materials. Phenikaa Group builds and develops an innovation-oriented sustainable ecosystem on the basis of close linkages under the model of ‘Three Houses’: Enterprise Manufacturer – Scientist – Educator. Playing a role in training high-quality human resources and improving the effectiveness of research and technology transfer, Phenikaa University set its vision to be ranked among the Top 100 best universities in Asia by 2035.

Phenikaa University is now establishing long-term collaborations with UK universities in terms of training and education, capacity-building projects, research and publication, and transfer technologies. From the event programme, it expects to extend a partnership proposal with prestigious universities in the UK in the fields of research and knowledge sharing, with a focus on joint international projects; academic exchange with a focus on undergraduate, graduate, and faculty exchange programmes or degree-granting collaborative education programmes; and technology transfer such as jointly developing innovation hubs and laboratories.



The link to Phenikaa University's website is <https://phenikaa-uni.edu.vn/en>.



#### **Assoc Prof Nguyen Phu Khanh, Vice President**

Associate Professor Nguyen Phu Khanh is the Deputy General Director at Phenikaa University. He holds a PhD in Aerospace Engineering. Assoc Prof Nguyen Phu Khanh is a steering member of a variety of international university networks, such as AUN/SEED-net, SEATUC, and GMSARN. He is also a member of the management team in a bundle of Research Fund Projects, such as GRCF and Newton (UK), FP7 and Horizon 2020 (EU; project: Growing Navis, Belts, Belts+); Rohan project - DADD (Germany); USA: ASFOR (USA); and KOICA, as well as capacity building projects with the World Bank, USAID, British Council, and so on. Together with extensive experience in operating

international projects and a comprehensive perspective on sustainability and gender equity, he has acquired a great reputation in academia, and will act as a reviewer/mentor to ensure the project is carried out as proposed.

From the event programme, he hopes to improve TNE development and research collaboration among UK universities and Phenikaa University, especially UK partners in the framework of Going Global Partnerships projects.



#### **Dr Ngo Thi Thuy Huong, Research Leader, ECET Lab**

Dr Ngo Thi Thuy Huong received her PhD in Environmental Chemistry and Ecotoxicology from the University of Bayreuth. She worked at the Viet Nam Institute of Geosciences and Mineral Resources. Currently, she is a lecturer and a research leader of ECET Lab at Phenikaa University.

From the Inward Mission event, she hopes to improve TNE development beyond Going Global Partnerships projects, collaboration in research and innovation, and academic exchanges with UK universities.

### **University of Sciences and Humanities, Viet Nam National University Ho Chi Minh City (VNU HCMC)**

The University of Social Sciences and Humanities, Viet Nam National University Ho Chi Minh City (USSH, VNU-HCM) boasts a more than 60-year history of establishment and development. With the educational philosophy 'Whole-Person - Liberal and Multicultural Education', and core values of 'Creativity - Leadership – Responsibility', USSH aims to equip students with broad knowledge, skills and the attitudes of respecting and accepting differences. USSH has built up and fostered research and academic partnerships with more than 250 universities and research institutes around the world in various forms of cooperation, and endeavours to broaden partnerships with other universities, particularly from the UK. Through the SILKEN project, USSH expects to learn from UK partners models and experiences of how social innovation is applied in the field of learning, teaching, and doing research in social sciences.

The link for USSH's website is <https://hcmussh.edu.vn/en>.



### **Dr Nguyen Nu Nguyet Anh, Dean of Faculty of Sociology**

Dr Nguyen Nu Nguyet Anh is Dean of Faculty of Sociology, University of Sciences and Humanities, Viet Nam National University Ho Chi Minh City. She obtained her PhD from the University of Sydney, Australia, in Sociology and Social Policy. Her research interests focus on migration, labour, gender, culture and social innovation.

From the event programme, she hopes to learn how to apply social innovation to the university's curriculum and extra curricula activities, so that students who graduate from the faculty meet the requirements of the appropriate labour markets. She also expects to find opportunities to connect with scholars in the field.

### **University of Education, Vietnam National University Hanoi (VNU-UEd)**

University of Education, which is a member of Viet Nam National University in Hanoi (VNU-UEd), is a new model of teacher training in the Vietnamese education system - an open training model geared toward collaboration and cooperation in a multidisciplinary, multi-field, high-quality university.

VNU-UEd aspires to be a research-oriented university that trains teachers at all levels, educational administrators, officials, and researchers in the field of Educational Sciences by collaborating with experts and institutes that adhere to regional and international standards.

VNU-UEd provides undergraduate (Bachelor's) and postgraduate (Master's and Doctoral) training, fostering knowledge, skills, management and pedagogical expertise for lecturers, teachers, educational administrators, and educators and research staff in Educational Science, to provide high-quality human resources that meet regional standards, including departments that meet international standards.

Moreover, VNU-UEd focuses on international cooperation in training and scientific research. VNU-UEd provides support to academic research groups which are led by scientists with experience in pedagogical science, educational management, and educational sciences. VNU-UEd also participates in advising Party and State leaders and localities on strategic issues, policies, and solutions for educational development, closely combining training with scientific research and scientific services.

The link for VNU-UEd's website is <http://education.vnu.edu.vn>.



### **Dr Ton Quang Cuong, Dean, Faculty of Education Technology**

Mr Ton Quang Cuong received his BA, MA.Ed in 1992, and a PhD in Philology from Voronez State University in the Russian Federation in 1997. He was Head of Department of Teaching and Learning Methodology and Technology, the Faculty of Teacher Education from 2012 till 2017. He has been Dean of the Faculty of Education Technology since 2018.

From the event programme, he hopes to explore opportunities for collaboration in digital transformation, and new priority areas for education technology, with the participating higher education institutions in the UK and Viet Nam. Besides which, he hopes to visit centres or innovative universities specialised in Innovation and Teaching Excellence in the UK.



**Assoc Prof Pham Thi Thanh Hai, Director, Science and Corporate Development Department**

Associate Professor Pham Thi Thanh Hai is Director of Research, Corporation and Development, University of Education - Vietnam National University (VNUUEd), Hanoi. She graduated from the Vietnam National University Hanoi, and completed her PhD in Educational Management at Hanoi National University of Education in 2014. She is Director of Science and Cooperation and Development at VNU-UEd. For the event programme, she is particularly interested in higher level engagement – HE policies that facilitate partnership development, and digital transformation and innovation in higher education.

**University of Transport and Communications, Campus in Ho Chi Minh City (UTC-HCMC)**

The University of Transport and Communications Campus in Ho Chi Minh City (UTC-HCMC), also known as the University of Transport and Communications – Campus II (UTC2), was established on 27 April 1990, and boasts more than 30 years of history. UTC-HCMC Campus is a prestigious research and training institution in the field of transport and communications in Southern Vietnam, and is an inseparable component of the University of Transport and Communications (UTC, <https://en.utc.edu.vn>). With the educational philosophy ‘Learners as the center, teachers as the inspirers’, and the core values ‘Pioneer - Quality - Responsibility – Adaption’, UTC-HCMC aims to train learners to become global citizens, with a national spirit and international responsibility. The UTC-HCMC has built up and fostered research and academic partnerships with more than 50 universities and research institutes around the world in various forms of cooperation, and it endeavours to broaden partnerships with other universities, particularly from the UK. Through the UK Inward Mission and Going Global Partnerships project, the UTC-HCMC expects to learn from UK partners’ models and experiences of how to enhance the institution’s capacity toward internalisation in education, especially in the field of Transport.

The link for UTC-HCMC's website is <http://en.utc2.edu.vn>.



**Dr Vo Truong Son, Vice General Director**

Dr Vo Truong Son is Vice General Director of UTC Campus in Ho Chi Minh City (UTC-HCMC). He obtained his PhD from the University of Transport and Communications. His research interests focus on electronics, telecommunications, and automation.

From the event programme, he hopes to find opportunities to connect with universities in the UK for collaboration in research, and staff and student exchange. He would also like to learn about innovation, digital transformation and administration in education, focusing on transportation.



**Dr Nguyen Van Du, Head, Academic Affairs Office**

Dr Nguyen Van Du is Head, Academic Affairs Office, UTC Campus in Ho Chi Minh City (UTC-HCMC). He obtained his PhD from the University of Transport and Communications. His research interests focus on the design and construction of highways, urban areas, and metros.

From the event programme, he hopes to identify opportunities to collaborate with UK educational institutions to improve transnational education for the university, which aims to internationalise its educational system.



**Dr Ha Trung Hieu, Vice Head, Science Technology and International Cooperation Office**

Dr Ha Trung Hieu is the Vice Head of the Science Technology and International Cooperation Office, UTC Campus in Ho Chi Minh City (UTC-HCMC). He obtained his PhD from Feng Chia University, Taiwan. His research interests focus on transport construction engineering, time series analysis, and geoinformatics.

From the event programme, he hopes to find opportunities to partner with UK institutions to strengthen the university's capacity in studying, research, and student exchange, especially in the transport sector.

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**Hoang Van Anh, Head of Education**

Hoang Van Anh is the Head of Education at the British Council in Viet Nam. She holds a Master of Business Administration from LaTrobe University (Australia). Before joining the British Council, she worked for Australian Education International (AEI) as their Deputy Director (Education Development) and for the University of Queensland (Australia) as the Viet Nam Representative. Her passion is on promoting internationalisation of education as a way to improve quality of education, providing more opportunities for young people and contributing to social and economic growth. She strongly

believes that multilateral partnership in education will bring about solutions to tackle social and economic development challenges not just in Viet Nam but regionally and globally. Her area of interest includes youth leadership, skills, higher education, science, research and innovation.



**Phi Phan, Programme Manager, Education**

Phi Phan is responsible for delivering and monitoring education programmes at the British Council in Viet Nam. She has strong interest in promoting and facilitating partnerships between UK and Vietnamese higher education institutions, professional bodies, and any other relevant stakeholders, and bringing development opportunities for Vietnamese researchers. She holds an MBA and a postgraduate Diploma on TESOL.