

Workshop: Project 89 – building sustainable UK – Vietnam partnership for capacity enhancement

Biographies and abstracts

Welcoming remarks

09.35 - 09.45 (UK time)

16.35 – 16.45 (Viet Nam time)



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

Associate Prof. Dr. Nguyen Thu Thuy is Director General, Higher Education Department, Ministry of Education and Training, Vietnam.

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, Vietnam. 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) & National Economics University (Hanoi, Vietnam), and B.A. of international economics from Foreign Trade University (Hanoi, Vietnam).

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.



Donna McGowan, Country Director, British Council in Viet Nam

Donna McGowan is the Director of the British Council in Vietnam. With 25 years' experience of British Council international work, involving team leadership and development in Latin America, Sub Saharan Africa, the Middle East and now South East Asia, Donna has designed and implemented programmes with partners and stakeholders across a variety of fields. During this time her various roles have helped strengthen relationships across our work in education, arts and social development with public, private and voluntary organisations and institutions. Donna holds a degree in French and Politics, a master's in European Politics and Policy, and a professional diploma in Marketing.

Key notes

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Key note 1: Project 89- why, what and how



Dr Dao Hien Chi, Senior Official, Department of Higher Education, Ministry of Education and Training

Ms. Dao Hien Chi, Senior Official, the Higher Education Department, the Ministry of Education and Training of Vietnam

Ms. Dao Hien Chi is a key specialist with more than 25 years of experience working in the Higher Education Department, Ministry of Education, and Training of Vietnam. She graduated with a Bachelor's degree from Hanoi National University (Vietnam), a Master's degree from the University of Queensland (Australia), and a Ph.D. from Griffith University (Australia). Ms. Chi advised for the development of many policies in higher education, teacher training, and cooperation projects with foreign countries: the project of Law amending and supplementing many articles of the Law on Higher Education, the Decree guiding the Law on Higher Education, regulations on enrollment and doctoral

	training, and guidelines for the implementation of Project 322, 911 and now 89, the Enhancing Teacher Education Program (ETEP), the internationalization of Higher Education, gender equality, in charge of the pedagogical schools.
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Panel discussion 1

10.15 – 10.35 (UK time) 17.15 – 17.35 (Viet Nam time)

The aim of this session is to discuss the expectations, opportunities and challenges of joint international doctoral programmes. A case study between the University of Reading and HEI partner in the Philippines – the University of Philippines will be presented. We shall look at how such programmes may help produce PhD graduates with strong academic and professional skills, contributing to Vietnam, the UK and the global knowledge-based economy."



Prof Raymond Lee, Associate Dean of Global Engagement, Professor of Biomechanics, Portsmouth University

Professor Raymond Lee is the Chair of the Biomedical Engineering Research Group at the University of Portsmouth. He has research interests in the use of technologies to promote health in the older people and enhance surgical procedures such as endoscopy. He has served as panel members for research funding bodies in the UK and overseas.



Ashley Burke, Senior International Partnerships Manager, University of Reading

Ashley has been working in transnational education for over 10 years and has set up multiple partnerships in countries across the world. She has a background in law and management and is a trained project manager. Her team deliver the University of Reading International Strategy, working on complex partnerships across a number of regions and subject areas

Panel discussion 2

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Understanding Viet Nam context to set solid foundation and build innovative collaboration provision on which expectations of partners are fully realised (10 minutes) – sharing from University of Economics Ho Chi Minh City and Foreign Trade University.



Assoc. Prof. Dr. Tran Ha Minh Quan, Executive Dean, International School of Business, University of Economics of Ho Chi Minh City

Associate Professor Quan Tran is the Executive Dean at International School of Business, University of Economics, Ho Chi Minh City (UEH). He has 24 years of experience in both industry and academic fields. His papers are published in prestigious journals such as Journal of Retailing and Consumer Services, Journal of Services Marketing, Australasian Marketing Journal, Journal of Brand Management, and Marketing Intelligence and Planning. His research areas focus on but not limited to branding, wellbeing and digital transformation. He earned a Doctorate in Marketing from Southern Cross University, a Master in Economics from Colombo University and a Bachelor of Business Administration from UEH.



Assoc. Prof. Ho Thuy Ngoc, Dean of International Education Faculty, Foreign Trade University

Assoc. Prof. Ho Thuy Ngoc is the Head of International Law Department, Faculty of Law, Dean of the Faculty of International Education, Foreign Trade University.

Ms Ngoc has been in charge of international programs in the Foreign Trade University since 2009. Besides, she is an experienced expert in local and international projects like Multilateral Trade Assistance Project (MUTRAP), Project of Development of Centres of Trade Law and Policy in South Africa, Peru and Viet Nam (SECO). She was acted as an Arbitrator of the Viet Nam International Arbitration Centre since 2011.

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Hoang Van Anh, Director of Education and Society, British Council

Hoang Van Anh is the Head of Education and Society unit at British Council Vietnam. 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 Vietnam Representative. Her passion is on promoting internationalisation of education. She strongly believes that partnership in education will help solve social and economic issues not just in Vietnam but regionally and globally. Her area of interest includes skills, higher education, society, research and innovation.

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