Think TNE:

Leveraging UK – Viet Nam transnational education partnerships

A UK-Viet Nam Higher Education Collaboration Forum

Programme

### Event details

* Time and date: 08.30–15.30, Thursday 19 October 2023.
* Venue: Ballroom, Melia Hotel, 44 Ly Thuong Kiet Street, Hanoi, Viet Nam.
* [Register](https://forms.office.com/pages/responsepage.aspx?id=wXVirt3MRkCyoWJFosyj7NvZvVNvyxRKqsg4muv-MCNUQkZBTEw2OTkzVEpONkNLRUwwUkFWODY3WC4u&web=1&wdLOR=c24F55D97-68F1-4C50-BC66-6FCE2FCA1BF6) by close of 16 October 2023.

### Context

* As one of the fastest growing economies in the region and in the world, Viet Nam is facing challenges such as improving the quality of its workforce to meet the needs of its economic development. Resolution 29-NQ/TW on radical and fundamental innovation in education indicated measures to improve the quality of higher education, enhancing research, and promoting innovation through internationalisation.
* Education is a key pillar in the UK - Viet Nam strategic partnership and the UK is regarded as a preferred international partner as demonstrated by the Government-to-Government Education Memorandum of Understanding and the Memorandum of Collaboration between the British Council and the Ministry of Education and Training. The UK is ranked as the 4th preferred English speaking study destination and as the #1 country with the largest number of transnational education (TNE) programmes in Viet Nam.
* The development of productive partnerships between UK-Viet Nam institutions will be essential for Viet Nam and UK knowledge economy to flourish. Transnational education (TNE) is integral to positive education and scientific relations, and academic and student exchange between and within countries; it is most successful and sustainable when structured for mutual benefit.
* The British Council commits to support Viet Nam in their higher education reform agenda and implementation of Resolution 29-NQ/TW. Since 2021, the British Council has enabled 29 partnerships between 23 UK universities and 38 Viet Nam universities and organisations in response to MOET’s priorities.
* This year, 2023 marks 50 years of UK-Viet Nam diplomatic relations and 30 years of the British Council in Viet Nam. This Forum will provide a platform for highlighting success stories of the UK-Viet Nam higher education partnerships during the past few years and creating opportunities for UK-Viet Nam HE partnerships in TNE to be developed further, both in breadth and depth.

### Event objectives

The Ministry of Education and Training, the British Embassy and the British Council in Viet Nam co-organise the Forum to create a transnational education forum for UK and Viet Nam higher education (HE) leaders to:

* Network – meet existing and new partners and share knowledge.
* Discuss – outline the enabling environment in the form of strategy, trends, and opportunities for deepening and progressing TNE partnerships.
* Partner – position the UK as a partner of choice for HE quality assurance and TNE, creating a platform to develop partnerships in teaching, learning and research.
* Showcase – highlight success stories of UK-Viet Nam higher education partnerships as case studies and lessons learnt for future partnerships.

### Participants

* Assoc Prof Nguyen Van Phuc, Vice Minister, Ministry of Education and Training
* Professor Sir Steve Smith, UK International Education Champion
* Relevant Departments from Ministry of Education and Training
* Rectors/Vice Rector, Presidents, Pro-Vice Chancellors and TNE partnership managers from UK and Vietnamese universities
* Department for Business and Trade, British Embassy Hanoi
* British Council in Viet Nam

### Language

* The event is conducted in English (with simultaneous translation)

### Tentative agenda

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| Time | Agenda |
| 08.30 – 09.00 | Registration and networking |
| 09.00 – 09.20 | **Welcome and opening remarks**   * *Assoc Prof Nguyen Van Phuc,* *Vice Minister, Ministry of Education and Training* * *Professor Sir Steve Smith, UK International Education Champion* * *Iain Frew, HM Ambassador, British Embassy* * *Donna McGowan, Country Director, British Council* |
| 09.20 – 10.00 | **Strategy: Vietnamese HE development strategy and priorities**   * *A/Prof Nguyen Anh Dung, Deputy Director General, Higher Education Department, Ministry of Education and Training*   **Trends: Transnational education partnership – global trends and local opportunities**   * *Steve Woodfield, Head of Government Relations (Education), British Council*   **Opportunities: Viet Nam TNE Market Openness report - Dissemination of key findings**   * *VanAnh Hoang, Head of Education, British Council* |
| 10.00 – 10.10 | **MOU signing between Vietnam Quality Management Agency, MOET and QAA, UK (tbc)**  Witnessed by A/Prof Nguyen Van Phuc, Vice Minister and Prof Sir Steve Smith, HM Ambassador Iain Frew and Donna McGowan |
| 10.10 – 10.30 | **Break** |
| 10.30 – 12.35 | **Panel discussions: Leveraging UK – Viet Nam TNE partnerships**  **Panel 1**  **Strategy: Role of TNE and changes in priorities, policies, and the regulatory environment to support TNE development in Viet Nam**  **Moderator: Prof Sir Steve Smith**  **Panellists**   * Mr Nguyen Tien Dung, Deputy Director General, International Cooperation Department, MOET (tbc) * A/Prof Ho Thuy Ngoc, Dean of Faculty of International Education, Foreign Trade University * Prof Ray Gordon, Vice Chancellor and President, British University Viet Nam (tbc) * Dr Faye Taylor, Deputy Director, International Strategy & Partnerships, Strategy Group Department for Education   **Panel 2**  **Trends: Enhancing Transnational Education Teaching and Learning**  **Moderator: Ms Prabha Sundram**, Head of Education, British Council Malaysia  **Panellists**   * Vicky Stott, Chief Executive, QAA, UK * Dr Tran Tien Khai, Head, Department of Quality Assurance and Curriculum Development, University of Economics, Ho Chi Minh City * Davide Gilmartin, Senior Academic Manager, South East Asia, British Council   **Panel 3**  **Opportunities: Innovating Transnational Education Partnerships for the Future**  **Moderator: Dr Suzanna Tomassi**, HE Specialist, Department for Business and Trade, UK  **Panellists**   * Debra Hinds, Pro Vice Chancellor, International, Arden University * Dr Fabrizio Trifiro, Head of Stakeholder, Engagement and International, Quality Reviews, ECCTIS, UK * A/Prof Nguyen Dac Trung, Director, International Cooperation Office, Hanoi University of Science and Technology * Sharron Gunn, Chief Operating Officer, ICAEW Global |
| 12.35 – 12.45 | **Closing** |
| 12.45 – 13.45 | **Lunch break** |
| 14.00 – 15.30 | **1:1 business networking between UK and Vietnamese universities**  *This session is for Vietnamese universities to have 1:1 meeting with* [*UK institutions who are on TNE mission*](https://www.britishcouncil.vn/en/programmes/education/going-global-partnerships/activities-opportunities/think-tne-uk-viet-nam-higher-education-collaboration-forum) *to discuss partnership opportunities.*  *Registration is required, and joining instructions will be communicated in due course.* |

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