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***Ref: New opportunity - British Council launch Going Global Partnership (GGP) in Vietnam***

Dear Rectors of higher education institutions in Vietnam

The British Council in Viet Nam presents our best wishes to you and your institutions. I am delighted to inform you of the launch of Going Global Partnerships (GGP – formerly known as Higher Education Partnership [HEP]) which is our global initiative that focuses on stronger, more inclusive and globally connected tertiary education systems, which support economic and social growth, with the UK seen as a trusted partner and provider, and a world leader in quality and inclusive tertiary education.

Since 2013, the British Council has supported the internationalisation of higher education in Vietnam through our HEP initiative connecting UK and Vietnamese higher education institutions (HEIs) to build strong and sustainable relationship in teaching, learning and research. For a period of 2018-2020 alone, we had enabled 12 partnerships between 17 UK universities and 40 Vietnamese universities connecting with 13 business and industries in areas of leadership and governance, university - industry links, quality assurance and TNE, and research and mobility. During the Covid-19 outbreak in 2020, the British Council in East Asia offered partnership grants for six Vietnamese universities to partner with UK, China and Indonesia on enhancing students' experience through digital learning.

Since then, we have continued to work in partnership with the Higher Education Department of the Ministry of Education and Training (MOET) to support Viet Nam's continuing HE reform and preparing higher education (HE) in the new MOET HE strategy development for the period of 2021 – 2035 with vision to 2045 through the implementation of the GGP. The programme will facilitate UK – Viet Nam HE connections, form and strengthen partnerships, build capacity, share learnings, insight and research on higher education systems that deliver impact at system, institutional and professional development levels.

GGP in Viet Nam is a three-year programme with partnerships grant to be provided to support partnership projects between UK and Vietnamese HEIs that align with Vietnam higher education development strategies, the overall expected outcomes of the GGP and should focus on the following areas:

- Leadership and governance
- Transnational education (TNE) development and international recognition of programme
- Toward the excellence in teaching, research, innovation and knowledge transfer

We will be managing the GGP in collaboration with Higher Education Department of MOET. Ms Hoang Van Anh, Director of Education and Society ([vananh.hoang@britishcouncil.org.vn](mailto:vananh.hoang@britishcouncil.org.vn)) continues to be our main contact for education and research partnerships in general and GGP in particular.

To help us understand the needs of your institutions in particular, and higher education sector in general, and shape the GGP to better meeting those needs, we would appreciate if your institution can provide inputs by completing an [online survey](#) by **30 August**. This will take about 10-15 minutes to complete and is a preparation step for launching our calls for partnership under GGP to both UK and Vietnamese HEIs in early September 2021.

We look forward to the British Council Viet Nam remaining a valued partner and we appreciate your on-going support and strategic advice to facilitate greater impact on the internationalisation of higher education.

On behalf of the entire team, I wish you huge success and look forward to working with you and your institutions as part of our Going Global Partnerships programme.

Yours sincerely



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