

Ministry of Education and Training
Socialist Republic of Viet Nam

Ministry of Education and
Ministry of Advanced Education and Skills Training
Province of British Columbia of Canada



MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU)

on

THE PROMOTION OF EDUCATION COOPERATION AND TWO-WAY
EXCHANGE OPPORTUNITIES

between

THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION AND TRAINING OF THE SOCIALIST
REPUBLIC OF VIET NAM

and

THE GOVERNMENT OF BRITISH COLUMBIA AS REPRESENTED BY THE
MINISTRY OF EDUCATION AND THE MINISTRY OF ADVANCED EDUCATION
AND SKILLS TRAINING OF THE PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA
OF CANADA

The Ministry of Education and Training of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam (“MOET”) and the Ministry of Education and the Ministry of Advanced Education and Skills Training of the Province of British Columbia of Canada (“the British Columbia Ministries”) hereinafter referred to as “the Participants”,

Considering the strong cultural and economic ties between British Columbia and Viet Nam;

Stating that multicultural and multilingual education is a powerful means of fostering understanding and solidarity between peoples, which helps in preserving cultural identity and promoting cultural enrichment;

Reaffirming that the Participants strive for cooperation and promotion of cultural values and a better mutual understanding between residents of their jurisdictions; and

Wishing to foster a cooperative relationship between the Participants for the promotion of mutual educational exchange and strengthened relations in the education sector.

Have come to the following Understanding:

ARTICLE 1

OBJECTIVES

The objectives of the MOU are to:

1. Identify areas of enhanced cooperation in educational exchange and promotion between the Participants;
2. Forge strong reciprocal relationships in support of cultural exchange and educational benefits; and
3. Facilitate cooperation between the Participants within the bounds of the applicable domestic and international law.

ARTICLE 2

INFORMATION EXCHANGE

Participants will promote the exchange of information in the following areas:

1. Educational policies and regulations including quality assurance frameworks;
2. Two-way educational exchange and promotion activities;
3. Information on mutual visits; and
4. Information about the services provided by the Participants to educational institutions, as well as possible cooperation projects.

ARTICLE 3

AREAS OF COOPERATION

Participants will review the feasibility of cooperating in the following priority areas for the promotion of two-way educational exchange and cooperation:

1. Visiting Teachers

- a) Exploring opportunities for teachers to practice or study in schools and institutions of British Columbia and Viet Nam including professional development, programs of study and curricular development; while
- b) Participants are responsible for setting professional certification requirements within their jurisdiction. Visiting teachers practicing in the other Participant's schools or educational institutions must meet that jurisdiction's certification requirements.

2. Student Mobility

Promoting opportunities for students to study in schools and institutions in British Columbia and Viet Nam, and providing introductions to schools, institutions, or other entities where appropriate.

3. Quality Assurance Frameworks

Exploring opportunities to review respective quality assurance frameworks to ensure high-quality educational exchange processes between the Participants.

4. Annual Meetings

Committing to annual meetings with relevant officials to review educational co-operation opportunities between Participants.

5. British Columbia-Certified Offshore Schools in Viet Nam

- a) During the course of the MOU, the British Columbia Ministries may enter into a specific agreement with one or more legal entities operating within Viet Nam if they meet the respective legislation and regulations of each jurisdiction;
- b) The MOET will recognize BC-certified Offshore Schools established in Viet Nam if they meet the relevant legislation and regulations of Viet Nam;
- c) The Participants may encourage joint programs between BC-certified Offshore Schools in Viet Nam and Viet Nam private education institutions to implement integrated education programs regulated by Viet Nam regulation and policy on foreign investment and cooperation in education; and
- d) The Parties will cooperate in exchanging information related to secondary graduation certification for students.

6. Other promotion activities may include:

- a) Exchanging invitations to education exhibitions and seminars;
- b) Organizing two-way education missions and visits;
- c) Encouraging familiarization tours for visiting officials and counsellors from schools and institutions; and
- d) Establishing links to each other's websites.

ARTICLE 4

COORDINATION AND IMPLEMENTATION

- 1. To facilitate direct dialogue, the Participants will designate a representative for the coordination and efficient management of activities under this MOU and will share the representative's contact information with the other Participant within three (3) months of the signing.
- 2. A Work Plan for cooperation activities will be collaboratively developed within three (3) months of the MOU signing and reviewed and revised on an annual basis. The Work Plan will include:
 - a) Lead Contact Information: Organization, Contact Name, Position, Email, and Phone; and
 - b) Action Areas: Area of Cooperation identified in the MOU, Action, Outcome, and Timelines.
- 3. Periodic meetings, to be set out in the Work Plan, will be carried out, in person or virtually, to discuss activities described in this MOU.
- 4. Participants will bear their own costs resulting from their participation in this MOU unless mutually decided otherwise in writing.

ARTICLE 5

AMENDMENT, TERMINATION, DISPUTE RESOLUTION AND OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

1. This MOU does not affect the international rights and duties of the State and Government of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam nor the Province of British Columbia and does not carry any binding legal obligations between the Participants.
2. Participants may amend this MOU at their discretion, upon mutual written consent.
3. Participants may terminate this MOU by giving three (3) months written notice to the other Participant.
4. The implementation of activities under this MOU must be in accordance with the current laws and regulations of each jurisdiction as well as applicable international agreements.
5. Any dispute arising out of the interpretation of this MOU will be settled amicably through consultation between the Participants.

ARTICLE 6

EFFECTIVE TERM

1. This MOU will become effective on the date of its signature and will remain in effect for three (3) years, unless terminated as set out in Article 5 above.
2. Unless otherwise stated in writing, the termination of the MOU does not affect any project or program that may be implemented during this MOU.

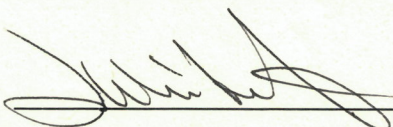
Signed at Vancouver and Victoria, B.C., on this November 22, 2021 in duplicate in the English and Vietnamese languages, both texts being equally authentic.

**For the Ministry of Education and
Training of the Socialist Republic of
Viet Nam**

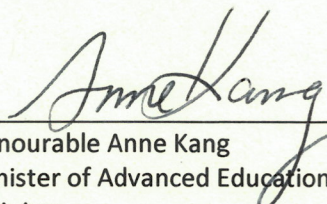


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