

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING  
ON COOPERATION IN EDUCATION AND RESEARCH  
BETWEEN  
THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE  
OF THE REPUBLIC OF FINLAND  
AND  
THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION AND TRAINING  
OF THE SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF VIET NAM**

The Ministry of Education and Culture of the Republic of Finland ("Finland") and the Ministry of Education and Training of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam ("Viet Nam") (hereinafter referred as the Participants"),

DESIRING to enhance and strengthen friendly bilateral relations between the two countries in the fields of education and research,

APPRECIATING the importance of education and research as factors of economic development as well as means to further cultivate the ties between the Participants; and

ACKNOWLEDGING that cooperation in the fields of education and research on education and learning would be mutually beneficial,

Have agreed as follows:

**Paragraph 1**

**Aim**

This Memorandum of Understanding (hereinafter referred as MoU) aims at strengthening cooperation on all levels and forms of education and teachers' education, as well as research on these themes.

The list below is of indicative nature. Other fields related to education, vocational education and training and research can be covered by this MoU, if deemed necessary by the Participants.

**Paragraph 2**

**Areas of interest**

**a) Curriculum design and implementation**

- Sharing of experience on national curriculum design and development.
- Sharing of experience on thematic curriculum development on different educational levels.
- Sharing of experience and information about developing different types of learning environment.

**b) Teacher education**

- Encouraging collaboration in designing Bachelor and Master programs for teacher education. The cooperation is to be agreed and designed directly by the institutions involved.
- Promoting the development of teachers' competence and implementation of teacher education programs.
- Cooperation in in-service training for teachers on all levels and promoting their continuous professional development.

**c) Vocational education and training**

- Cooperation aiming at the development of vocational education and training.
- Career guidance; sharing of experiences on how to raise motivation of students to continue to vocational school after the lower secondary school.
- Links between schools and business; sharing of experience in connecting business sector and companies with study programs at school.
- Sharing experiences on teacher education.

**d) Higher education**

- Encouraging collaboration of joint research programmes and exchanges of lecturers, researchers and students.
- Encouraging exchange of experience, information, didactic materials and teaching aids related to planning, development and management of research and higher education sectors, as well as other issues relating to the organization of the education process in higher education institutions.

**e) Educational system and management:**

- Sharing of experience on the educational management and organization, as well as the educational system reform.

In order to achieve these goals and beyond, both Participants can organize international and specialized workshops, seminars and visits between Vietnam and Finland to share educational experience and research results.

In addition, private sector partners from both Participants will be encouraged to support the public sector in the efforts of this MoU.

**Paragraph 3  
Funding**

Each Participant will be responsible for financing its own activities under this MoU.

**Paragraph 4  
Settlement of differences**

Any differences that may arise between the Participants about the interpretation or application of this MoU will be resolved amicably through consultations and negotiations between the Participants.


**Paragraph 5  
Duration, effective date and termination**

This MoU will come into effect on the date of signature by both Participants. It will remain in operation until a new MoU may be signed or the present MoU will be otherwise terminated.

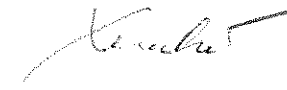
This MoU may be terminated at any time by either Participant giving six (6) months' notice in writing of its intention to the other Participant. The termination of this MoU will not affect the implementation, where practicable, of ongoing activities/programs which have been decided upon prior to the date of the termination of this MoU.

Signed in Helsinki on 28/08/2017 in duplicates in English and Vietnamese languages, both texts being equally authentic. In the event of any divergence of interpretation between the texts, the English text shall prevail.

**FOR THE MINISTRY OF  
EDUCATION AND CULTURE OF  
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