

Going Global Partnership

Preparing higher education for digital transformation

Time: 08.30 – 12.00 (UK time) or 14.00 – 18.00 (Viet Nam time)

Tuesday 21 September 2021

Format: online (or hybrid) on Microsoft Teams

Venue (if hybrid): Hanoi University of Science and Technology, 1 Dai Co Viet, Hanoi

Context

The global context requires higher education sector to transform digitally in order to respond to the industry 4.0, to cope with the disruption of learning due to Covid-19, and to make it relevant, agile and adaptive to the shifting needs of the next generation – the digital generation Alpha - in gaining knowledge and transversal skills that prepare them for a changing world of work.

In responding to the global changing context and the challenge of disruptive learning, Viet Nam higher education sector needs to improve experience to embarking innovation in teaching, learning and research through digitalisation. This move requires investment in platform, revolution in institutional operation, improvement of teaching and learning capacity but at the same time ensuring quality student experience and skills development.

Aims

The conference is co-organised by the British Council in Viet Nam and the Ministry of Education and Training in partnership with UK-Viet Nam Higher Education Network represented by Hanoi University of Science and Technology as the Chairing university and Global Wales, with support from UK Department of International Trade.

The conference aims to:

- bring UK and Viet Nam government officers, HE leaders to discuss challenges and opportunities for digitalisation of higher education to respond to HE sector growth in both countries and how policy development helps address those issues
- discuss shared institutional challenges and issues between UK and Viet Nam universities
- share best practices, case studies on application of innovative model in digitalising teaching, learning and research
- Enable and support partnership creation on digital transformation

Participants:

VIP guests tentatively include

- Sir Steve Smith, UK International Education Champion
- A/Prof Hoang Minh Son, Vice Minister, Ministry of Education and Training
- Prof Iwan Davies, Vice Chancellor, Bangor University, and Chair of Global Wales
- A/Prof Nguyen Thu Thuy, Director General, Department of Higher Education
- Ms Donna McGowan, Country Director, British Council Vietnam
- Prof Huynh Quyet Thang, President, Hanoi University of Science and Technology

And UK and Viet Nam higher education senior leaders, deans, vice deans, lecturers, researchers, business (EdTech), students.

Language: English

Tentative agenda

UK time	Viet Nam time	Agenda
	14.30	Arrival and registration (offline venue at Hanoi University of Science and Technology)
09.00	15.00	Welcoming and logistics notes <i>MC</i>
09.05 - 09.25	15.05 – 15.25	Welcoming remarks • Assoc Prof Hoang Minh Son, Vice Minister, Ministry of Education and Training • Sir Steve Smith, UK International Education Champion • Donna McGowan, Country Director, British Council in Viet Nam • Prof Huynh Quyet Thang, President, Hanoi University of Science and Technology
09.25 – 09.45	15.25 – 15.45	Keynotes • Why HE needs to transform digitally? <i>Prof Iwan Davies, Chair of Global Wales, Vice Chancellor, Bangor University</i> • The necessity of digital transformation in higher education in Vietnam, especially in the post Covid-19 situation and policies <i>Assoc Prof Nguyen Thu Thuy, Director General, Department of Higher Education</i>
09.45 – 10.30	15.45 – 16.30	Panel discussion “Digital transformation – a combined effort from different stakeholders” – inputs for policy development

		<i>This session will look at government policies, institutional perspectives about quality performance, graduate employability in the digitalised age, and technology that enables transformation</i> Panellists: • UK university • Viet Nam university • UK Edtech (JISC) • Higher Education Funding Council for Wales • Industry/Employer Moderator: Sir Steve Smith, UK International Education Champion	
10.30-10.40	16.30-16.40	Break	
10.40	16.40	Breakout sessions <i>Breakout sessions will be in 25 minutes. Each session will include two eight-minute presentations and 10 minutes for Q&A</i>	
10.45 – 11.10	16.45 – 17.10	Room 1: Teaching and learning: capacity building <i>The session aims to provide teachers and students with opportunities to gain experience and develop their own expertise through virtual platforms and programs. In particular, students can participate in virtual mobility, internships, and access various learning resources to enhance their academic experience. On the other hand, teachers can work and learn from leading experts to strengthen their expertise, skill sets, and collaboration.</i> <u>Expected outcome:</u> Participants are provided with digitalized approaches and best practices in order to enhance their teaching and learning experiences and capacity building opportunities. • UK university • Vietnamese university	Room 2: Research collaboration and industry engagement <i>This session discusses open access solutions for the development of research infrastructures, and enhancing research collaboration, especially between international scholars. Different ways to promote industry engagement and technology transfer will also be provided/considered.</i> <u>Expected outcome:</u> Participants understand the power of digital transformation in supporting research cooperation and technology transfer with industry. • UK university • Hanoi University of Science and Technology
11.10 – 11.20	17.10 – 17.20	Breakout session feedback	

11.20 – 11.45	17.25 – 17.45	Room 1: Innovation in teaching and learning- Technology enabling platform and digital divide: ensure no one left behind, data protection <i>This session discusses technological support including platforms and virtual pedagogical tools for teaching and learning. It addresses questions such as how to engage students in online learning; how to deliver digital exams; how to foster classroom and learning management and security, etc.</i> <u>Expected outcome:</u> Participants can update innovative technological tools and practices to foster effective virtual teaching and learning while enhancing data security for their institutions. • UK EdTech • Vietnamese university	Room 2: Quality Assurance <i>E-learning has emerged into the global higher education sector, especially under the impact of the pandemic. The question remains about how to ensure educational quality. This session discusses challenges, experiences, practices in promoting quality assurance in the post Covid19 period and the context of digital transformation.</i> <u>Expected outcome:</u> Participants understand the challenges and approaches to improve educational quality. • UK university • Vietnamese university
11.45 – 11.55	17.45 – 17.55	Breakout session feedback	
11.55	17.55	Recap and closing • Global Wales • Hanoi University of Science and Technology	

Invitation for speakers and panellists

We are inviting representatives from UK and Vietnamese universities, organisations and businesses to contribute content as speakers and/or panellists for the conference. Please complete the [registration form](https://bit.ly/365RPLc) (<https://bit.ly/365RPLc>) by **30 July 2021**.

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