

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

BETWEEN

THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION AND TRAINING
OF THE SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM

AND

THE FEDERAL MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND RESEARCH
OF THE REPUBLIC OF AUSTRIA

CONCERNING

COOPERATION IN THE AREAS OF
SCIENCE AND RESEARCH

The Ministry of Education and Training of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam and the Federal Ministry of Science and Research of the Republic of Austria, hereinafter referred to as "Sides"

DESIRING to further promote the close and friendly relations existing between their two countries

CONSIDERING their common interest to promote and encourage their scientific research and technological cooperation

CONVINCED that these measures will enhance the economic and social development of both countries

ACKNOWLEDGING the achievements already obtained in these areas in the framework of ASEA UNINET

PURSUANT to the prevailing laws and regulations as well as scientific and technical cooperation policies and procedures in their respective countries

have reached an understanding as follows:

Article 1

1. Both Sides encourage direct cooperation in science, research and technology between their institutions of higher education and research organisations making optimal use of already existing multilateral, bilateral and unilateral funding schemes.
2. Both Sides welcome direct invitations to university teachers and researchers at institutions of higher education to engage in teaching activities and to perform scholarly and scientific research.
3. Both Sides encourage study in the territories of their respective countries.
4. Both Sides welcome applications of students, graduate scholars and scientists of the other country for scholarships for further studies as well as for research work at institutions of higher education.
5. Both Sides encourage their institutions of higher education to cooperate within the EU-Programs in the fields of research and higher education.

Article 2

Both Sides welcome the manifold cooperation activities within the framework of ASEA UNINET and the cooperation in the framework of the "Technology Scholarships Programme" based on the recommendation of the Austrian Council for Research and Technology Development.

Article 3

In order to strengthen the development of bilateral scientific and technological cooperation in areas of mutual interest the Vietnamese Side will establish a programme to support Vietnamese students for a full period of doctoral studies at Austrian universities. The Austrian Side nominates the Austrian Exchange Service (ÖAD) as the partner organisation in Austria to facilitate the implementation of the programme in cooperation with ASEA UNINET. The concrete arrangements will be negotiated directly between the Vietnamese Side and the Austrian Exchange Service (ÖAD) in the year 2007.

Article 4

The present memorandum does not result in the creation of any new obligations regarding international law nor shall it have any effect on existing legislation.

Article 5

Any differences arising out of the interpretation or implementation of this Memorandum of Understanding will be settled amicably through negotiation or consultation between the two Sides.

Article 6

This Memorandum of Understanding will enter into force on the date of signing and will remain in force for a period of 4 (four) years. It will be extended for additional 4 (four) years unless its validity is terminated in writing by one of the two Sides at least six months prior to the expiration of its validity.

The termination of this Memorandum of Understanding will not prejudice the completion, in accordance with their terms, of any on-going projects, or activities under this Memorandum of Understanding.

Done in Hanoi on 5th April 2007 in two original documents in English, both texts being equally authentic.

For the Ministry of Education and Training
of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam

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