

# Working in Partnership Hoa Sen University



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## The Partner

Hoa Sen University is a private educator based in Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam. Established in 1991 as Lotus College, Hoa Sen was awarded full university status in 2006. The university currently has 390 academic staff across four faculties; Science and Technology; Economics and Business; Languages and Culture Studies; and Polytechnics. Currently, Hoa Sen University has fifteen partners, including eight from Europe and seven from the United States, Australia and India.

## The Project

Hoa Sen and The Open University secured funding from the UK Prime Minister's Initiative 2 (PMI2) for the development of a project in Vietnam. The project plan has evolved into a proposed scheme for Open University course content to be used within Hoa Sen postgraduate courses, with additional support from The Open University in the development stage. PMI2 funding runs from August 2008 to July 2011.

Hoa Sen University is interested in using course content from several Open University course materials that form part of the MSc Information Systems/Technology Management. Hoa Sen University aims to offer its first postgraduate qualifications in 2010, which Open University course content will assist with. PMI2 funding will enable The Open University to fund travel costs to run workshops for potential tutors.

## Aims

- To encourage the development of collaborative programme delivery.
- To build a partnership and demonstrate the value of The Open University as a partner in delivery.
- To upgrade the qualifications of local IT professionals.
- To help meet the demand for Higher Education in Vietnam.
- To establish a mutually beneficial and sustainable partnership.
- Hoa Sen University hopes to launch its first postgraduate course in October 2010, with 40 students.

## The Benefits

- Support and prepare for the anticipated rapid growth of trans-national education in Vietnam.
- Raise the profile of The Open University's brand in Vietnam through association with course material and course promotion.
- To strengthen the skills of higher education staff in both countries in the techniques of developing collaboratively delivered programmes.

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