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SESSION 1/Part 1

“Research at Vietnamese Universities and the Potential for Cooperations with Partners in Germany”

Duy Tan University, 27 April 2023, 1.30pm – 3.30pm

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Some challenges for research at Vietnamese universities:

➤ Financial situation

- Limited funding
- Financial autarcy of universities leads to decreased financial support of the state
- Third party funding not sufficient and difficult to get with lots of administration

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Some challenges for research at Vietnamese universities:

➤ Human resources

- Many talents available in Vietnam, but how to attract them to science?
- How to find excellent talents in the „right“ field?
- Decreasing number of Master and PhD students for many years, lately increasing

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Some challenges for research at Vietnamese universities:

- Not enough collaboration with research partners in the industry
 - Expertise and topics from the industry perspective
 - Funding of applied research by the industry
 - However: How to combine freedom of research with target oriented research with expected results / contract research

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Some challenges for research at Vietnamese universities:

- Freedom of research, including funding without political and administrative barriers is needed for more and better creativity
- High administrative hurdles for researchers and universities
- Insufficient research infrastructure
- Not enough international collaboration
- Not enough international publications, also due to insufficient English language competency
- Speed of technological transformation

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Reform policy of MOET:

- Good development of research situation in the past years, but not enough yet
- Excellent research groups at universities
- Involvement of the industry ➔ Public Private Partnerships
- Attracting international lecturers and researchers
- Strengthening international partnerships in research, particularly with Germany

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Some solutions:

- More and better state funding
- Strong policy support
- Partnering with international partners → the „real“ funding can be found internationally, e.g. in Europe (e.g. „Horizon Europe“) and Germany (e.g. BMBF, DFG, DAAD, Humboldt Foundation etc.)
- Intensified university-industry partnerships
- Interdisciplinary research must be further developed, also to find new partners – mentality change of many researcher is needed

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Potential for cooperation with partners in Germany:

- Well trained talents in Vietnam
- Developing research in Vietnam
- Industry partners like Bosch are very much interested in collaborating with the best universities and the best talents and researchers
- More and more German universities are interested in cooperating with partners in Vietnam, also in research

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Most important results:

- More university-industry collaboration is a key for research development in Vietnam
- More international cooperation is needed to gain expertise and for having access to international funding