



NAMASTE VIETNAM

**BHARAT VIETNAM HIGHER EDUCATION SUMMIT
24th-26th August 2024**



Organised by **Consulate General of India, Vietnam in
collaboration with
Association of Indian Universities (AIU)**

Platform for promoting higher education of India at Vietnam

The event witnessed participation of 50+ Indian and Vietnamese universities

Established University to University interaction.

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Report on Namaste Vietnam Bharat-Vietnam Higher Education Summit 2024 held at Ho Chi Minh City from 24-26 August 2024



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INTRODUCTION

The National Education Policy (2020) highlights a strong focus on the internationalization of higher education in India. Emphasizing on initiative to attract international students, the goal is to make India a preferred study destination for affordable quality education while promoting 'internationalization at home'. The policy encourages research /teaching collaborations faculty/student exchanges, and MOUs with foreign universities for creating a global academic environment.

In light of the above Namaste Vietnam - Bharat Vietnam Higher Education Summit was held by Consulate General of India, Vietnam in collaboration with AIU from 24-26 of August 2024 in Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam. It provided an effective platform for promoting higher education of India at Vietnam and for establishing a University to University relationship between India and Vietnam. The event witnessed the

participation of around 50 Indian and Vietnamese universities and 400+ Vietnamese students participated in the summit.

FLOW OF EVENTS

AIU sent an open invitation letter to its member universities in order to obtain willingness to participate in the summit at Vietnam. A total of 37 universities participated in the summit. Fee for participation in the summit was Rs 75000/- which was to be paid by participating member universities. The participation fee included the following facilities:

- Participation in the Namaste Vietnam 2024 – Bharat Vietnam Higher Education Summit 2024
- Participation in Education Fair where eminent Vietnamese Universities and students would be participating
- Double room accommodation for 03 nights in a 5 Star hotel near the Summit venue along with meals
- Local sightseeing

OPENING CEREMONY

The Namaste Vietnam program, a platform for Indian and Vietnamese universities to connect, showcased a diverse range of educational offerings. This event provided a valuable opportunity for Indian institutions for cultural exchange, global networking, and market expansion.

The opening ceremony was held on 25th August 2024 and had the august presence of **Consul General of India, Mr. Madan Mohan Sethi, Prof. Vinay Kumar Pathak, Hon'ble President of Association of Indian Universities, Dr. (Mrs.) Pankaj Mittal, Hon'ble Secretary General, Association of Indian Universities and GS. VS Nguyen Quoc Sy, Hon'ble President of Association of Vietnamese Universities and Colleges.** The event was attended by rectors, academicians and higher education experts from Indian and Vietnamese sides.

During the opening ceremony in his speech **Prof. Vinay Kumar Pathak, Hon'ble President, AIU** emphasized the importance of academic mobility for fostering cultural exchange and global understanding between India and Vietnam. He highlighted the recent collaborations between institutions as a testament to the shared vision. Prof. Pathak



Speech by Hon'ble President, AIU

also discussed the challenges and opportunities in promoting student mobility and called for continued efforts to strengthen partnerships and create more inclusive opportunities for students.

NETWORKING SEMINAR AND EDUCATION FAIR

The Namaste Vietnam 2024 – Bharat Vietnam Education Summit and Education Fair was held at Rex Hotel Saigon, Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam on 26th August 2024. The event had the participation of about 50 Indian and Vietnamese universities and institutions, showcasing spectrum of programs ranging from engineering to humanities, thus providing the 400+ Vietnamese student attendees with a variety of options.



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Education Fair

Dr. (Mrs.) Pankaj Mittal, the Hon'ble Secretary General of AIU, emphasized the potential for Indian universities to grow and develop through internationalization. She suggested that this could be achieved effectively and efficiently by fostering international collaboration and exchange programs. Additionally, she highlighted the importance of intercultural exchange between India and Vietnam, emphasizing the potential benefits of such interactions.



Speech by Hon'ble Secretary General, AIU

Further, **Mr GS. VS Nguyen Quoc Sy** in his speech on behalf of **The Association of Vietnamese Universities and Colleges**, welcomed cooperation with Indian universities. He elaborated on the aim to promote higher education and exchange knowledge between the two countries. Mr Nguyen also mentioned that the Vietnamese body is ready to sign cooperation agreements and support student exchanges and that the Association hopes for a strong and lasting friendship between Vietnam and India.



The event also focused on prescheduled B2B Meetings *vis-a-vis* Indian and Vietnamese counterparts, which provided excellent opportunity to these universities for discussing mutual academic collaboration in the future. Students and educators had the opportunity to

interact directly with the Indian universities for the feasibility of study in India and future collaborations. The education fair served as a platform for bringing together institutions, students, and industry professionals from India and Vietnam. This facilitated the creation of valuable networks and partnerships, leading to increased global connections.



Delegations at the Summit

SIGNING OF MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed between Association of Indian Universities and Association of Vietnamese Universities and Colleges in order to promote cooperation for sharing of best practices in joint research projects, university teaching and effective management. The purpose of the agreement included collaborative funding opportunities, initiation and exchange of good practices to strengthen the bilateral cooperation. The MoU has a validity of five years, post which there is a provision for the Memorandum to be mutually renewed.



Signing of MoU between AIU and Association of Vietnamese Universities and Colleges

In general, the networking initiative of AIU between Indian and Vietnamese Universities is a collaborative effort aimed at fostering stronger educational and research ties between institutions between both countries.

MAJOR TAKEAWAYS FOR AIU

- 1) Signing of MoU to facilitate joint research projects and academic partnerships.
- 2) B2B opportunity through enhanced collaboration between Indian and Vietnamese universities
- 3) B2C opportunity through increased opportunities for student and faculty exchanges



Interactive Session with Students

MAJOR TAKEAWAYS FOR UNIVERSITIES:

- 1) The participating Indian universities showcased their programs to Vietnamese universities and students.
- 2) The Vietnamese universities were keen to have Academic and Research partnerships with Indian Universities.
- 3) Vietnamese students were excited to learn and know about education in India and visited various stalls put up by Indian universities to enquire about academic programs. The participating Indian universities now need to follow up the leads generated at the Education Summit for converting into admissions.



Student Interaction

CONCLUSION

The Namaste Vietnam: Networking seminar and Study in India Education Fair was a successful event that provided an excellent opportunity for universities to expand their global reach, recruit diverse students, and enhance their brand presence. The event attracted a large number of potential students from Vietnam, who were eager to learn more about the educational opportunities available in India.



Many universities reported successful recruitment and established valuable connections with potential partners in Vietnam.

The summit brought together representatives from universities, government agencies, and businesses from both India and Vietnam to discuss opportunities for collaboration in

education, research, and innovation. The event was a great success and helped to strengthen the ties between the two countries.
