

Networking to Promote Student Exchange at Hue University, Vietnam

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Hue University is one of 3 regional and 14 major universities in Vietnam. It is located in Hue, the city of World Cultural Heritage in the central part of Vietnam. Hue city is located in the area of emerging economic zone due to the newly constructed East-West corridor, of the multi-culture interaction between the countries in Greater Mekong Sub-Region. Hue City is also known as a center of high quality education in the Vietnamese history, during the imperial time of some hundred years ago till present. Hue University is a multi-disciplinary institute including basic sciences, natural sciences, social sciences, medicine and art. The University consists of 7 colleges including Sciences, Pedagogy, Agriculture and Forestry, Economics, Medicine and pharmacy, Art, Foreign languages with 88 training programs for undergraduate, 59 master training programs and 23 PhD training programs. The University has over 40,000 students and 3000 staff.

Hue University has close relation with universities and institutes in the world, particularly in Asia. The Graduate School of Global Environmental Studies (GSGES) of Kyoto University has signed the collaborative agreement on research and education with the College of Agriculture and Forestry of Hue University in October 2004. The interactive partnership between Hue University and GSGES may foster education, academic and implementing programs which contribute to the environment management, community-based rural development and livelihood security in Asia. It was further enhanced to a bilateral collaboration between Kyoto University and Hue University under the agreement signed on 15th September 2007

From 2005, students from Kyoto, including undergraduate and master courses come to Hue University to study under the internship program and student exchange program. In 2007, students of Hue University had a study visit to Kyoto University.

The two universities are also implementing a project on “Enhancing Community Resilience and Livelihood Security to Cope with Natural Disaster in Central Vietnam” under the JICA Partnership Program since 2006. It provides us good opportunities for understanding each other, as well as lively materials for training students through fieldworks and community-based activities. The collaboration between the universities in research and education fields are closely linked and contributing effectively to enhance the services of both universities.



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Location of Hue University



Hue University

- Established in 1957, reunified in 1994
- One of 14 major universities and one of 3 regional universities
- A multi-field, multidisciplinary university



Hue University

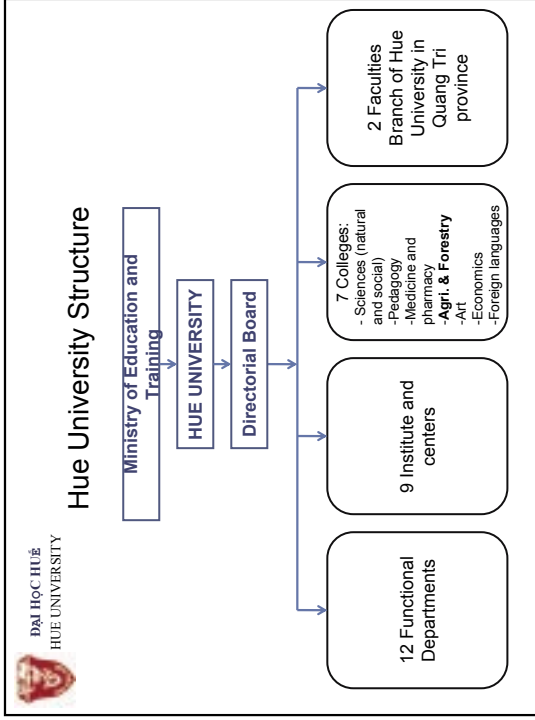
Number of staff and students:

- **Total staff number:** 2794 including 100 professors and associate professors, 300 Ph.Ds
- **Teaching staff:** 1,600
- **Students:** about 40,000
 - Full-time Bachelor's students: 22,000
 - In-service: 18,000
 - Master and Ph.D students: 1580


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- **Annual enrolment:**
- + 5,000 undergraduate regular students
- + 4000 in-service students
- + 900 postgraduate students
- + 20 Ph.D students
- **Training programs**
- + Undergraduate: 87
- + Master's: 59
- + Ph.D: 23



Colleges of Hue University


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1. **College of Sciences:**
 - Natural science,
 - Social science & humanities, and
 - Technology
2. **College of Pedagogy**
 - Provides primary & secondary school teachers for regions of Central and Highland
3. **College of Medicine and pharmacy**
 - Offers training programs in General & Specialized Medicine, Nursing and Pharmacy

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4. **College of Agriculture and Forestry:**
 - Animal and crop sciences, forestry, aqua-culture and fishery, food technology, rural engineering and rural development and environment
5. **College of Economics:**
 - Economics, Business Administration, Tourism, Accounting, Financing and Banking

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6. College of Foreign languages



7. College of Art

- Music, Painting and Sculpture



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Joint Research (examples of the research topics)

1. Mechanisms of Community-based Resilience to Natural Disaster in Monsoon Asia
(Grant-in-aid for Scientific Research, 2005.04 - 2008.03)
2. Assessment of Human Impacts on Ecosystems and Land Resources by Aerial Image Analysis
(KU President Initiatives Fund, 2006.09 - 2007.03)
3. Re-appraisal of Traditional Values for Community Development – from Women’s Perspectives –
(GSGES Asia-platform Project, 2006.09 -)




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Implementing Project
Enhancing Community Resilience and Livelihood Security to Cope with Natural Disaster in Central Vietnam
(JICA Grass-roots Partnership Project, 2006.09-2009.08)



Project sites
Kong Ha, Huu Thuan, Huong Hoa, Huong Hoa B, Huong Hoa C, Huong Hoa D, Huong Hoa E, Huong Hoa F, Huong Hoa G, Huong Hoa H, Huong Hoa I, Huong Hoa J, Huong Hoa K, Huong Hoa L, Huong Hoa M, Huong Hoa N, Huong Hoa O, Huong Hoa P, Huong Hoa Q, Huong Hoa R, Huong Hoa S, Huong Hoa T, Huong Hoa U, Huong Hoa V, Huong Hoa W, Huong Hoa X, Huong Hoa Y, Huong Hoa Z

Project Objectives
To enhance:
- Community Resilience
- Environmental Conversation
- Better Welfare and Human Security

On-going Activities (examples)
Education on Environment and Disaster Management; Participatory Trials for vanilla cultivation, goat raising and bio-gas system; Revival of Traditional Textile; Construction of Community House



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Student Programs

1. Kyoto to Hue
- Study Visit of Undergraduate Students
(Kokusai-Koryu- Kamoku; 16 in 2006 and 12 in 2007)
- Internship Program of GSGES (Masters’ Program; 2 in 2005, 6 in 2006 and 2 in 2007)
2. Hue to Kyoto
- Study Visit of Undergraduate Students
(Mizuho Foundation International Exchange Program; 10 students and 2 teachers in 2007)





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Local Offices of KU in Hue

- JICA Grass-roots Project Office (Office Space provided by HUAF; 2006.10 -)
- GSGES Asia-Platform Office (Kaigai-Kyoten) (Funded by GSGES; Managed with HU; 2007.04 -)
- Field Learning Center (Hong Ha village) (Traditional-style house provided by HU; Renovated by KU President Initiatives Fund in 2006)




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Our Dream in Near Future:

Inter-Regional Institute (Hue Center) for Environmental Management and Livelihood Security (KU Field Campus in Hue)


- Interactive Learning for Environmental Management Disaster Management, Livelihood Security and Rural Development
- To cover Indo-china Region (Vietnam, Laos, Cambodia and Thailand) as an Inter-Regional Institute
- Internship (field work) program for Japanese Students
- Joint Degree with KU and HU (Master and Doctor Course)




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Opportunities for student exchanges

- Hue city is located in central Vietnam and has close to Laos, Thailand and countries in Mekong region.
- Recently, the East-West Economic Corridor from Danang – Hue – Savanakhet (Laos) – Northeast Thailand – Myanmar established
- Hue city is a world heritage


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Opportunities for student exchanges

- Near by the city the diversity of local culture from coastal to mountains
- Hue University with different disciplines and faculties
- There are field-schools which have been established for students in mountain, plain and coastal areas

Thank you for your attention!

