



## **“Vietnam should send staff to universities in developed countries in order to enhance their knowledge”**

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*In your opinion and by priority order, What are the main challenges that face the construction of a university appropriate to the needs of the XXI century in your locality and why?*

*A university must be committed to developing within its students the knowledge and skills necessary for the advancement of our changing societies. They need to be institutions that provide broad access to learning and experiences that will enable graduates to be effective contributors to their communities. Staff will be expected to maintain their currency and effectiveness through interaction with colleagues in other institutions and through research and the application of their knowledge. These are the roles of all universities. However in a world of rapidly expanding knowledge the maintenance of effective performance requires continual commitment to development.*

*What is the values base of that university?*

*A university is a service organization for the community and the individuals who place their trust in the university. Therefore it must deliver results and provide services which deliver relevant benefits to their communities.*

*In your experience, How should it be and operate this new university?*

*University must be prepared, not only to educate students through its normal courses but, provide students with a set of experiences and values that will enable them to operate responsibly, competently, effectively and efficiently in the interests of society. The university and its graduates should apply their knowledge and experience to the benefit of the whole community, by being proactive in bringing their expertise to help government, society and businesses.*

*How do you think international experience could contribute to strengthen and enhance higher education in Vietnam?*

*In developed countries universities are sharing their expertise, knowledge and curriculum materials as a normal part of working together and collaborating for the advancement of knowledge in the intellectual community. Vietnam could benefit from this tradition of collaboration by adopting international standards, curriculums and approaches to education. Vietnam should send staff to universities in developed countries in order to enhance their knowledge and experience. Vietnam can also participate collaboratively in research programs with these universities in areas of Vietnam's interests such as tropical climate, agriculture, energy, and environment. Participating in these areas of mutual research interest could deliver significant benefits.*

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