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**Asia-Europe Meeting**  
ASEM Education and Research Hub  
for Lifelong Learning

## PRESS RELEASE

**Ha Noi, Viet Nam.** The Ministry of Education and Training in partnership with the ASEM Education and Research Hub for Lifelong Learning and UNESCO Ha Noi will host a three day conference, “Viet Nam Forum: Lifelong Learning – Building a Learning Society”, from 6 –8 December at the Thang Loi hotel in Hanoi

The Viet Nam Forum will bring together over 300 key policy makers, leading educationists, experts and researchers from Viet Nam, UNESCO and ASEM LLL Hub to share research results, perspectives and experiences with the goal of enhancing understanding of the concept and the role of 'lifelong learning' in the process of building a 'learning society', which will support Vietnam in developing a national LLL strategy. Further, the Forum will strengthen UNESCO- ASEM cooperation in promoting lifelong learning.

The concept of Lifelong Learning, introduced by UNESCO report *Learning to Be* (1972), has evolved to be internationally recognised as all learning from cradle to grave, including formal, non-formal and informal learning, which focuses on competences in the triangle of knowledge, skills and competences and develops employability, personal development, active citizenship and social inclusion.

LLL encourages countries to look beyond traditional approaches to education and training and to engage in a policy dialogue on the pedagogical and economic impacts of lifelong learning. LLL is essential to the well being of citizens and to the overall sustainable development of nations and will play a significant part in Viet Nam's transition to a knowledge-based economy.

The Ministry of Education and Training (MOET) has recognised the importance of LLL to the development of Viet Nam and serves as the focal point of the national strategy 'Building a Learning Society' under the umbrella of the Socio-Economic Development Strategy 2011 – 2020 and the Education Development Strategy 2010 – 2020. During the Forum, a Memorandum of Understanding will be signed between Viet Nam and Denmark in strengthening capacities for lifelong learning in Viet Nam.

Since 2005, the ASEM LLL Hub has developed a network of leading universities and research institutes that carry out comparative research to contribute to evidence-based educational reform and innovations. The Hub's activities also promote LLL in Asian and European countries as a solid framework for sustainable human resource development, which generates economic growth, social welfare and enables individuals to pursue stimulating learning opportunities at all stages of their lives.

As an active member of the United Nations “Delivering as One” initiative in Viet Nam, UNESCO Ha Noi works within the framework of United Nations Literacy Decade (2003 - 2012) in supporting the elaboration of a national LLL strategy to raise awareness of the importance of LLL for individuals and public and private organizations at all levels through advocacy, capacity building, and mobilization of continuing education and community learning centres.

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