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RUN DELEGATION TO BUILD RESEARCH LINKS WITH VIETNAMESE UNIVERSITIES

Building research collaboration between Regional Universities Network (RUN) universities and Vietnamese universities and institutes will be the target of a visit by senior managers from RUN to Vietnam in late April.

The Chair of RUN, Professor Peter Lee, said the visit was at the invitation of the Vietnamese Ministry of Science and Technology and was supported by the Australian Government, under the framework of the agreement on scientific and technological cooperation between the two nations.

“The visit will establish closer ties between regional Australian universities and Vietnamese universities and institutes,” Professor Lee said.

“RUN universities have a strong, vibrant, innovative, connected and growing pure and applied research effort, which is undertaken from a unique regional perspective. We are looking forward to collaborating with our Vietnamese colleagues on a range of significant projects.

“It is vital that the research undertaken at RUN universities continues to be supported and grow.”

The Executive Director of RUN, Dr Caroline Perkins, said that nine universities and research institutes would be visited in Vietnam, including in regional areas.

“RUN universities have undertaken many research projects in developing nations, and the visit gives us an opportunity to further develop our regional research partnerships. While we have much to offer in terms of our expertise in agriculture, forestry, environmental sustainability, regional development, resource management, health and energy and mining, we will also gain new insights and experience through future collaboration with Vietnam,” Dr Perkins said.

“We greatly look forward to the opportunity to build our relationship with Vietnam and develop that nation’s links with regional Australia.”

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