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MOU signing minutes between School of Environmental Science and Technology (INEST), Hanoi University of Science and Technology (HUST) and Research Institute of Sustainable Development (RISD), Ho Chi Minh University of Natural Resources and Environment (HCMUNRE)

Date: 26th March 2021

Venue: Meeting Room A, HCMUNRE

Participants:

Assoc. Prof. Huynh Quyen, President of HCMUNRE

Assoc. Prof. Nguyen Thi Anh Tuyet, Dean of INEST, HUST

Assoc. Prof. Nguyen Thi Van Ha, Dean of Faculty of Environment, HCMUNRE

Dr. Dinh Thi Nga, Dean of RISD, HCMUNRE

Assoc. Prof. Nghiem Trung Dung, Head of INTENSE project

Staff members from INEST- HUST and HCMUNRE

1. Introduction of participants and an overview of the working objectives of the MOU signing ceremony:

Assoc. Prof. Nguyen Thi Van Ha has addressed the strategic cooperation contents between INEST – HUST, and RISD – HCMUNRE: The cooperation agreement is made to promote and realize the potentials and strengths of each party in the field of provision of human resources, doing scientific research, academic exchange; and human resources development through the training of high-quality doctoral students in the field of environmental protection including environmental engineering, natural resources and environmental management.

2. Introduction of INEST, HUST, and HCMUNRE

History of establishment and development, organizational structure and the training programs and models, activities on cooperation, scientific research, and experts exchange at INEST, HUST, and HCMUNRE were briefly introduced by each party.



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3. Approval of the content of strategic cooperation between two parties

Objectives of the MOU:

- *To form a training model in the field of Environmental Engineering and Natural Resources Management*
- *To initiate a joint graduate training program, focusing on doctoral courses*
- *To collaborate in capacity building through training and doing scientific research*
- *To expand the network of INTENSE program*

Contents of the MOU

- Building and implementing cooperation model in the framework of the INTENSE school in doctoral training, based on the doctoral program in Environmental Engineering of INEST-HUST according to the regulations of the Ministry of Education and Training.
- Academic exchanging among graduate students (Ph.D. students) and lecturers of the two parties.
- Introducing co-supervisors/advisors for Ph.D. students.
- Establishing E-learning classrooms, equipping and sharing laboratory equipment to provide access for graduate and postgraduate students.
- Proposing, and implementing joint scientific research and training.
- Having joint publications of the scientific works of graduate students, and lecturers.
- Recognizing mutually the training results of graduate students in the framework of cooperation.
- Recommending scientists/experts for examination committees for doctoral dissertations.

Effect of MOU: 5 years from the signing date

4. Statement of the representatives

Assoc. Prof. Huynh Quyen, President of HCMUNRE

This memorandum of cooperation will contribute to strengthening the cooperation between the RISD – HCMUNRE and INEST – HUST, thereby strengthening coordination and cooperation in the fields of training, scientific and technological research, following the general orientation of green and sustainable development.

Assoc. Prof. Nguyen Thi Anh Tuyet, Dean of INEST, HUST

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The two parties use the memorandum to form a model of cooperation in training, joint activities in the training program of the two institutions in the international and more extensive INTENSE model. The two parties cooperate based on common understanding, being a long-term partner in sharing the results and knowledge with the desire to build common interests.

Assoc. Prof. Nghiem Trung Dung, Head of INTENSE project

INTENSE school is a dynamic space/room to cooperate and support training. E-learning and MOOC preparation aimed at sharing resources. INTENSE school support creating space/room for participants to improve the quality of doctoral training programs in both institutions gradually asymptotic to the level of European programs.

5. Sign MOU minutes between the two parties

6. Discussion between INEST and Faculty of Environment on INTENSE project activities

The signing of the MOU is the foundation for deeper, and broader cooperation especially in graduate training: exchanging students and staff, coordinating, and implementing research. This is a very good opportunity for closer cooperation and increasing the reputation of the two parties.

MOU creates opportunities to exchange and learn from each other, as the basis for stronger cooperation.

INTENSE is the catalyst for the two institutions to come closer to each other. Each school found its strength to join a series of collaborative activities after opening INTENSE school.

