Education Cooperation Agreement signed in Vietnam

TAFE NSW qualifications can be gained in Vietnam following an agreement signed between TAFE NSW – Western Sydney Institute (WSI) and Vietnam’s Hue Industrial College.

The Education Cooperation Agreement, signed on April 26, 2013 will see at least 150 participants per semester enrolled in the Advanced Diploma of Banking Services Management and the Advanced Diploma of Information Technology, Network Security. Training is set to commence in 2014 with the scope of qualifications to build over time.

Hue Industrial College (HICOL) is owned by the government of Vietnam and has been delivering vocational education and training in Vietnam for more than 100 years. The education provider aims to become a university in the near future and has recently received funding to upgrade its facilities. In October 2012, in preparation for the delivery of the VET programs in Vietnam, HICOL teachers spent four weeks with WSI to undertake Certificate IV in Training and Assessment and visit WSI sections. As part of the Endeavour Scholarship, WSI sponsored the HICOL Director, who also spent two weeks with WSI. During this time the HICOL Director and the IT teachers visited WSI IT section to familiarise themselves with WSI’s CISCO Network Academy. They have since established a CISCO Network Academy at HICOL, which was officially opened during WSI’s visit to HICOL in April 2013.

The Director of Hue Industrial College, Mr Cuong, praised WSI’s high quality of training programs and believes what he learned from his visit to WSI will be beneficial to Vietnam.

“The practical and innovative training programs of TAFE NSW will be relevant to Vietnam and will help meet the needs of the labour market in the central region of Vietnam.”

WSI Director, Susan Hartigan, said that the new agreement enhanced the existing relationship between WSI and HICOL.

“Today we salute the start of an even closer partnership by signing the Education Cooperation Agreement between Hue Industrial College and Western Sydney Institute. This Agreement will also contribute to the relationship between Vietnam and Australia at this important juncture of history in the Asian Century.”

“Our Institute is delighted to have the opportunity, through this association, to contribute to the realisation of the Vietnamese Government’s Master Plan for Hue City, Thu Thien-Hue Province and beyond. The vocational education programs are well integrated into the strategic plan of economic development for the region.”