



# MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING FOR CULTURAL, EDUCATIONAL, AND SCIENTIFIC COOPERATION

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This Memorandum of Understanding (the "MOU") for cultural, educational, and scientific cooperation is entered into by the undersigned for the purposes set forth herein.

## **Background**

WHEREAS, the parties believe that it is in their best interests to encourage direct contact and cooperation between their faculty members, departments, institutes and other research centers in fields of teaching and research to be agreed upon and subject to the availability of funding and to the development of specific binding agreements;

WHEREAS, within the fields of study to be mutually designated, both parties desire to discuss and explore the general forms of cooperation set forth below; and

WHEREAS, in order to carry out such discussions and explorations, the parties desire to set forth a framework in which such interactions may occur.

NOW, THEREFORE, the parties have entered into this MOU for the purpose of setting forth their understanding and agreement with respect to the potential establishment and operation of cooperative programs.

## **1.0 Parties to MOU**

The parties to this MOU are the University of Washington, an institution of higher education and an agency of the State of Washington with its principal campus located in Seattle, Washington, USA, on behalf of its College of the Environment and University of Science – Vietnam National University, an educational institution, located in Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam, on behalf of its Department of Oceanology, Meteorology and Hydrology.

## 2.0 Purpose of MOU

Within the fields of study to be mutually designated, both parties agree to discuss any of the following forms of cooperation:

1. Joint research activities and publications;
2. Exchange of invitations to scholars for lectures, talks, and sharing of research experience;
3. Exchange of faculty members and students for study, teaching and research.

## 3.0 Continuation of All Current Policies

During the course of the discussions contemplated by this MOU, the parties will continue to operate their respective academic programs in accordance with their established policies, rules and procedures.

## 4.0 Term of MOU

Unless extended by written agreement of the parties, the term of this MOU shall begin on 1 January 2012 and end on 31 December 2016.

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