

**JOINT DECLARATION OF INTENT BETWEEN  
THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY  
OF THE SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF VIET NAM  
AND  
THE FEDERAL MINISTRY OF EDUCATION AND RESEARCH  
OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY  
CONCERNING  
THE BILATERAL CALL FOR PROPOSALS**

The Ministry of Science and Technology (MOST) of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam and the Federal Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF) of the Federal Republic of Germany (hereinafter referred to as "Sides") participated in the 5th Interministerial Meeting on 4 December 2015 in Ha Noi. The Sides welcomed the longstanding and well-established scientific and technological cooperation between Germany and Viet Nam in the past and shared the desire to intensify their rewarding partnership to foster the process of internationalisation of research (institutions) in both countries.

Recognising that scientific and technological cooperation in the field of health research and sustainable urban development plays a special role in the social and economic development of both countries, the Sides express their intention to issue a joint call for proposals for bilateral research projects focusing on these topics in 2016.

The Sides intend to support science and technology projects of bilateral research consortia which are of mutual benefit. Funded projects should be geared towards the development of more comprehensive joint research programmes accommodated by other funding schemes at national or international level.

The scheme especially aims to attract Vietnamese and German partners and projects which are scientifically excellent and include young researchers from both sides. The involvement of private companies, above all small and medium enterprises (SMEs), is especially encouraged.

The following S&T activities will be supported by the bilateral funding scheme:

- Scientific exchange aimed at joint research activities and a know-how dialogue
- S&T seminars, workshops and symposia and other gatherings of mutual interest which strengthen interaction among relevant institutions and research groups in both countries
- Exchange of information on joint S&T activities/strategies
- Generation of scientific publications
- Other forms of S&T cooperation as mutually agreed

Funding will be granted for a period of up to three years in accordance with the regulations applying in the respective country. Further funding details will be provided in the official call texts published by both sides.

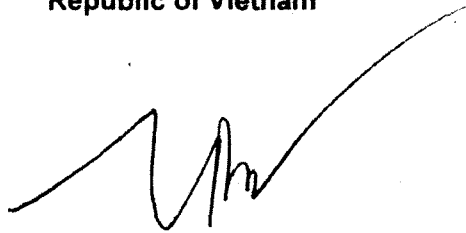
The Sides are committed to providing the necessary budgets to fund the jointly selected project proposals. In Viet Nam, the funds will be managed by MOST and in Germany by the DLR Project Management Agency International Bureau on behalf of the BMBF.

Mechanisms (including guidelines, application forms, and assessment procedures) required to facilitate the successful implementation of the call for proposals will be jointly developed and implemented by the Sides.

The Sides will encourage participating researchers of both countries to enter into agreements to ensure the effective protection and distribution of intellectual property rights resulting from the projects funded under this call. It is required that the agreements comply with relevant legislation and practice in the respective countries.

Signed in Ha Noi on 4 December 2015 in the English language.

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