

October Vietnam Delegation Announcement

Portland State University through the Center for Public Service and in partnership with UN-Habitat Vietnam is hosting a high level delegation from October 20-28th. The objective of the delegation's visit is to strengthen strategic partnerships for long-term academic and professional exchanges between UN-Habitat, Portland State University, Vietnam National University and Hoi An and Quang Nam Province People's Committees. The delegation will present at the 2012 Portland Sustainability Institute's Eco District Summit as one of a select few international teams discussing the adaptation of sustainable development principles in the international context.

The delegation consists of the following members:

Mr. Nguyen Duc Hai, the General Secretary of the Quang Nam Communist Party

Mr. Tran Minh Ca, Vice-chairman of the People's Committee of Quang Nam Province

Quang Nam Provincial leadership is interested in regional policy efforts and is seeking collaboration partners for capacity building of local officials as part of a new Center opened in 2012.

Mr. Le Van Giang, Chairman of the People's Committee of Hoi An City

Chairman Giang is interested in partnering with Portland to model sustainable development efforts with specific interests in how ecotourism, waste management, transportation and stormwater management can be adapted to Hoi An.

Dr. Mai Trong Nhuan, President of the Viet Nam National University (VNU - Ha Noi)

Vietnam National University is the largest (student body) and most comprehensive university in Vietnam and the President is interested in strengthening partnerships for research, faculty and student exchange for interdisciplinary exchange. VNU is also interested in learning from PSU's sustainable campus design as it is expanding its campus to a new 1,000 hectare site in Hanoi.

Dr. Nguyen Quang, Habitat Programme Manager

Ms. Bui Thu Hien, UN-Habitat Project Coordinator

UN-Habitat hosts workshops nationwide in Vietnam to strengthen the capacity of public leaders for sustainable development visioning and implementation. PSU has served as a strategic partner to support workshop content and development to provide research and case studies from the region that can be adapted to Vietnam.

The City of Portland and the State of Oregon are internationally recognized for work in sustainable development through progressive leadership, governance, land use planning and natural resource management. The delegation will have the opportunity to meet with local and international leaders and participate in several local study tours to experience successful models of sustainable development principles in practice and explore potential application in Vietnam.

PSU looks forward to hosting the delegation in October. For more information, contact:

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