

AGENDA

Sydney Vietnam Innovation Symposium 2026

“Growing Together” - Fostering Interdisciplinary Collaboration and Innovation between Australia and Vietnam

 9 AM to 6 PM, 09/09/2026

 Caravelle Saigon Hotel,
Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam

Time	Activity	Speaker
8:30 - 9:00	ARRIVAL, REGISTRATION, AND MORNING TEA	
9:00 - 9:15	WELCOME	• Prof. Greg Fox Director of Sydney Southeast Asia Centre
9:15 - 9:50	OPENING REMARKS	• Ms. Kate Wallace Australia's Consul-General in HCMC • Mr. Le Thanh Minh Director of the Ho Chi Minh City Science and Technology Development Fund
9:50 - 11:15	SESSION 1: GROWING TOGETHER: DELIVERING IMPACT THROUGH AUSTRALIA-VIET NAM PARTNERSHIPS	Arts and Social Sciences • A/Prof. Jonathon Hutchinson University of Sydney Agriculture and Environment • Dr. Cuong Nguyen Van University of Sydney Vietnam Institute Health and Science • Prof. Anne Cusick University of Sydney • Ms. Hang Le University of Sydney Vietnam Institute • Dr. Alvin Kuo Jing Teo University of Sydney Business and Economics • A/Prof. Russell Toth University of Sydney Panel discussion: Impact through Partnerships • Moderator: Prof. Greg Fox
11:15 - 11:30	TEA BREAK AND GROUP PHOTO	
11:30 - 11:40	MOU SIGNING BETWEEN USYD AND FPT SOFTWARE	• Ms. Tran Thi Kim Phuong Director of FPT Software HCMC • A/Prof. Jonathon Hutchinson Chair of Discipline (Media and Communications), USYD

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11:40 - 11:50	CELEBRATORY CEREMONY HONOURING THE APPOINTMENT OF UNIVERSITY OF SYDNEY HONORARY PROFESSORS	• A/Prof. Dr. Vu Van Giap Vice Director of Bach Mai Hospital • A/Prof. Dr. Vu Quoc Dat Hanoi Medical University
11:50 - 12:00	CELEBRATORY CEREMONY HONOURING VIETNAMESE PHD GRADUATES FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF SYDNEY	• Mrs. Nhu Tran Country Representative (Vietnam) Sydney Future Students
12:00 - 13:30	NETWORKING LUNCH	
13:30 - 14:30	SESSION 2: GROWING TOGETHER: EMERGING RESEARCH IN ACTION	Health and Science • Ms. Mai Nguyen University of Sydney • Dr. Soojeong Yoo University of Sydney • Dr. Shukry Zawahir University of Sydney • Ms. Luu Boi Khanh University of Sydney Vietnam Institute • Ms. Linh Duong University of Sydney Vietnam Institute • Mr. Pham Duong Toan My Duc Hospital • Dr. Quynh Mai Trinh University of Sydney Agriculture and Environment • A/Prof. Dr. Nguyen Thi Thu Hoai International University, VNU-HCMC
14:30 - 14:45	CLOSING REMARKS	• Prof. Thu-Anh Nguyen Institute Director University of Sydney Vietnam Institute
14:45 - 15:00	AFTERNOON TEA	
15:00 - 16:30	SESSION 3: GROWING TOGETHER: COMMUNICATING RESEARCH FOR SHARED IMPACT	• Dr. Graeme Hoddinott University of Sydney • A/Prof. Jonathon Hutchinson University of Sydney
16:30 - 18:00	NETWORKING	