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VEST 500

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What is VEST 500?

- Joint Scholarship Program between Vietnam and Taiwan for Vietnamese students to undertake full time graduate studies in Taiwan university alliance under VEST 500.

- Tripartite cooperation: Vietnam International Education Development (VIED) under Ministry of Education and Training of Vietnam; Elite Study in Taiwan (ESIT); and the consortium of Taiwanese universities.

- Full scholarships:
  - By Taiwanese universities: Tuition fee waiver, research support.
  - By VIED/MOET: Living allowance, health insurance, passport and visa fees and international travel costs.

- Target: 500 Vietnamese graduates with Masters and doctorate degrees by 2020.
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CHALLENGES AND SOLUTIONS

- 69 students admitted. 22 graduates.

**Challenges:**
- Options for Vietnamese applicants to study in other countries. (China mainland, EU, US).
- Competition among scholarship providers: MOE (Taiwan), 165, etc.
- Restrictions to only university academics.
- Speedy and effective coordination among tripartite stakeholders under limited resources.
- Applicants’ language proficiency.
- VEST 500 publicity.
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Solutions:

◦ Better ways of the Program publicity: website, online, seminars, circulars to Vietnamese universities…
◦ Support for language training and testing by ESIT.
◦ Better support to applicants in application process, finding supervisors…
◦ Separate scholarship announcement for VEST 500.
◦ Inclusion of master’s level study.
◦ Inclusion of other Vietnamese Government scholarship Programs for other ministeries administered by VIED.
Practice: Total Vietnamese Outbound Students in 2012

- Australia: 25,000
- US: 15,000
- China: 10,000
- Singapore: 7,000
- France: 6,000
- UK: 5,000
- Russia: 4,000
- Japan: 3,000
- Germany: 2,000
- Canada: 1,000
- Taiwan: 1,000
- Korea: 1,000
- New Zealand: 1,000
- 36 other countries: 1,000
THANK YOU

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