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***Danish Minister of Education visits Vietnam***

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Danish Minister of Education Ms. Christine Antorini will pay an official visit to Hanoi and Ho Chi Minh City from March 4<sup>th</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup>, 2015.

Focus for the visit will be on political consultations followed by meetings and seminars aiming at facilitating a further enhanced concrete cooperation within education.

“The main purpose of my visit to Vietnam is to further strengthen the close cooperation within education between Vietnam and Denmark at the ministerial level and at the same time to facilitate concrete partnerships and cooperation between Vietnamese and Danish educational institutions” says Ms. Christine Antorini.

The Danish Minister of Education will bring a delegation with representatives from sixteen different Danish educational institutions to facilitate and further enhance a concrete cooperation between Vietnamese and Danish educational institutions.

“Danish educational institutions have a strong tradition and position providing education and learning of unique international standards. There is a perfect match between the current challenges and needs here in Vietnam and the unique Danish strongholds on vocational educational training, upper secondary business colleges, technical colleges and other areas.” concludes Danish Minister of Education Ms. Christine Antorini.

The Comprehensive Partnership Agreement between Vietnam and Denmark includes education as an important priority and stress the shared high ambitions for the future cooperation between Vietnam and Denmark within education.

## **Background:**

The Comprehensive Partnership Agreement between Vietnam and Denmark was signed during President Trương Tấn Sang's state visit to Denmark in 2013. The Comprehensive Partnership Agreement includes education as an important priority.

A number of concrete projects within the educational field are already successfully established involving Danish educational institutions and their Vietnamese partners.

One example is the curriculum development project involving Aarhus University.

Another example is Niels Brock Copenhagen Business College and University College Zealand's progress with their respective Vietnamese partners, Foreign Trade University (FTU) and Hanoi Medical University.

Some projects also outline and include the idea to support Danish companies in Vietnam in their effort to strengthen the skills and productivity of their employees through upgrading of skills. A promising pilot project involving the Danish companies Esoftflow, Colorclub and other companies in the graphic sector in Vietnam has also been started up.

## **Denmark's support to Vietnam**

Since 1994 Denmark has provided Vietnam with more than 1.3 billion US dollars in development assistance. Through this support Denmark has contributed to the strong growth and economic development which has taken place in Vietnam.

During 2014-2015 Denmark will disburse up to USD 90 million in ODA to Vietnam.

Denmark is still the biggest provider of grants among all EU member states. Denmark accounts for close to 25% of the total grants provided by all EU member states.

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