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Australian and Vietnamese experts collaborate to conduct the research series to provide the inputs for the reviews of 40 years of Doi Moi and Vietnam's progress towards high-income status by 2045

Today, the Ho Chi Minh National Academy of Politics (HCMA) and the Australian Embassy Vietnam held a workshop on "Vietnam: 40 years of Doi Moi and 2045 vision". More than 200 delegates from party agencies, government ministries, research institutes and academia, along with representatives of the Australian Embassy Vietnam and Australian experts attended. The workshop is an integral part of a strategic research series supported by the Vietnam Australia Centre (VAC) to develop policy analysis and recommendations on key development issues to inform Vietnam's strategic vision to 2045. This includes inputs to serve the review of 40 years of Doi Moi and the drafting of the 14th National Party Congress Documents.

The workshop included presentations on six topics identified as central to Vietnam's development, including: the Global Megatrends, Public Governance Sector Reform, Avoiding the Middle-Income Trap, Financial Sector Reform, Urbanisation, and Sustainable Development. This was followed by a panel discussion with Australian academics from Curtin University, RMIT University, and the University of Adelaide and speakers from the United Nations Development Program (UNDP), the World Bank (WB), the Asian Development Bank (ADB) and Oxfam.

Speaking at the workshop, Politburo member, HCMA President Professor Dr Nguyen Xuan Thang emphasised the significance of the Doi Moi research series and the valuable collaboration between Australian and Vietnamese experts. This demonstrates the strong political trust and commitment to knowledge exchange between both countries. "This collaboration further strengthens our growing relationship, built over the last 50 years, and the Comprehensive Strategic Partnership that our two countries have just signed." He added.

Australian Ambassador to Vietnam, His Excellency Mr Andrew Goledzinowski was impressed with the efforts of nearly 40 Australian and Vietnamese experts who participate in the research. "We are working to support Vietnam to realise its 2045 vision. Our relationship has never been stronger, and we will continue to build trust and collaborate on the areas of mutual interest as outlined in the Comprehensive Strategic Partnership." he said.

The Vietnam Australia Centre (VAC), a joint initiative between Australia and Vietnam, is supporting Vietnam to further strengthen the skills of Vietnamese leaders and unite Australia and Vietnam in common regional issues and shared challenges. Foundational partners include the HCMA, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Office of Government, and the Party Central Commission for External Relations. Since 2022, the VAC has engaged over 3,000 senior party and government officials in a range of professional development, research, and knowledge exchange activities.