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Ms. Thinh Thi Hong
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Dear Ms. Thi Hong:

Subject: Project Preparatory Technical Assistance for Second Upper Secondary Education Development Project (TA 7697-VIE)

We are pleased to inform you that on 10 December 2010, the Asian Development Bank (the ADB) approved the provision of project preparatory technical assistance (the Technical Assistance) to the Government of Socialist Republic of Viet Nam (the Government), in an amount not exceeding the equivalent of US$800,000 for the Second Upper Secondary Education Development Project. The Technical Assistance will be financed and carried out pursuant to (i) the Memorandum of Understanding between the Government and ADB and (ii) the arrangements described in paragraphs 12 and 13 and Appendix 5 of the Concept Paper hereto attached as Annex 1. As indicated in the Concept Paper, the Minister of Education and Training (MOET) is to serve as the executing agency for the Technical Assistance.

The Technical Assistance will be provided entirely as a grant from ADB's TA funding program.

The Memorandum of Understanding signed by MOET and ADB is attached hereto as Annex 2 for your information.

If these arrangements are acceptable to you and MOET, kindly have all three copies of this letter countersigned on behalf of the Government and MOET, in the spaces provided below. Please retain one copy each for your and MOET's records, and return one original copy to ADB.

Ms. Ikuko Matsumoto, Director, Social Sectors Division, Southeast Asia Department, will henceforth be responsible for all matters pertaining to the implementation of the Technical Assistance. All communications on this matter may, therefore, be addressed to her.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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Date: 21 June 2011

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Name: NGUYEN VINH HIEN

Designation: _____

Date: 06 / 14 / 2011

Attachment: a/s

cc: Dr. Nguyen Vinh Hien, Vice Minister of Education and Training, Ha Noi, Viet Nam (Fax 84-4 3869-4085)

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