

Education Working Group Meeting Minutes

Date & Time	Tuesday, August 18th, 2026 4:00 PM - 5:30 PM
Venue	MS Teams
Member Attendance	Chris Jeffery – BUV Trang Dang – ICAEW Vietnam Dafi Jenkins – RMIT University Vietnam Steve Shaw – The ABC International School Luke Turner – EMASI Nam Long International Bilingual School Julie Dearden – Oxford EMI VanAnh Hoang – British Council Jon Standen – AIS Saigon Carly Barber – Brighton College Vietnam Janice Phung – Pearson Education Hoa Phan – Sky International Preschool Tuan Nguyen – Vriens & Partners Vietnam Joshua Ashworth – British Embassy Hanoi Matt Ryland – BritCham Vietnam Hanh Nguyen – BritCham Vietnam Ngoc Tran – BritCham Vietnam
Attending Invitees	None

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Working Group Structure & Education Streams

- Members discussed introducing a more structured approach to the Education Working Group while maintaining its member-led nature. Three Education Streams will be established: K-12; Higher Education; and Vocational, Professional Training and English Language. Each stream will determine its own priorities, themes and activities, with a member Stream Lead and BritCham providing coordination and administrative support.
- Members will be invited to confirm which stream(s) they would like to actively participate in and whether they would be interested in volunteering or nominating another member as a Stream Lead.
- The wider Education Working Group is expected to meet approximately every two months, while individual streams may meet more frequently depending on their needs.
- Where possible, wider Edu WG meetings will alternate between Hanoi and HCMC, with hybrid participation available.

Education Market Report & Vietnam Education Forum

- The annual Education Market Report remains one of the Working Group's key outputs and will be soft-launched at the Vietnam Education Forum in Hanoi on 6th Oct 2026.

- The report will continue to examine the education journey from the perspectives of parents and students, with an additional focus on employability.
- The Vietnam Education Forum will cover key areas across K-12, Higher Education, and Vocational, Professional Training and English Language.
- Members were encouraged to suggest relevant government, corporate and education-sector stakeholders who may be appropriate to invite to the Forum.

October Education Activities & UK Engagement

- Joshua Ashworth provided an update on education-related activities planned for early October.
- A UK Pavilion at the MoET conference was confirmed, with BritCham, the British Embassy and BUV involved in its delivery.
- Sir Steve Smith is expected to visit Vietnam during the period. A potential visit by a UK Education Minister was also under discussion but had not yet been confirmed at the time of the meeting.
- Members were encouraged to share organisational or student success stories, export wins, key milestones, potential visit opportunities and relevant education-sector barriers that could help shape the October programme.

Advocacy & Government Engagement

- Members were encouraged to identify education-related issues that could be raised through BritCham and British Embassy engagement with Vietnamese authorities.
- Particular attention was given to a potential engagement with the MOHA, including issues relating to qualifications, certifications, work permits and visas

ASEAN Education Working Group

- Matt Ryland introduced plans to establish an ASEAN-level Education Working Group involving British Chambers across Southeast Asia.
- The proposed group would focus on education advocacy from an ASEAN perspective and showcasing UK education expertise and capabilities across the region.
- The initiative is expected to be member-led, with BritCham Vietnam supporting administration, and is targeted for launch in Q4 2026 subject to final coordination with other British Chambers in ASEAN

Member Engagement & Working Group Activities

- Members discussed organising additional knowledge-sharing, workshop and thought-leadership sessions alongside regular Working Group meetings.
- Potential topics mentioned included AI, personnel, wellbeing and safeguarding, with members encouraged to propose subjects that would add practical value for their organisations and colleagues.
- Following the October education activities, the streams may take turns leading webinars, workshops or other activities, with topics and timing to be selected by the relevant stream.

Working Group Communication

- Members discussed establishing a WhatsApp group to facilitate communication between formal meetings. Members may also nominate relevant colleagues from their organisations to participate in Working Group activities, subject to BritCham membership arrangements.

Actions Proposed	• Ngoc BritCham: Circulate a follow-up survey to confirm members' preferred Education Stream(s), interest in volunteering or nominating a Stream Lead, colleagues they would like to involve, and consent to join the proposed EduWG WhatsApp group. • All Members: Propose relevant topics and speakers for future webinars, workshops and knowledge-sharing activities. • All Members: Share relevant success stories, milestones, potential visit opportunities, stakeholders and education-sector policy or regulatory issues that could support the October education programme and government engagement.
Next Meeting(s)	Wednesday, 23 September 2026 3:30 PM - 4:30 PM MS Teams