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**Mr. Pham Duc Trung Kien
Executive Director
Vietnam Education Foundation**

Dear Mr. Kien:

We sincerely appreciate the significant support and interest of the Vietnam Education Foundation (VEF) in the advancement of the quality of education in Vietnam. At this time, the Vietnamese government is moving actively to establish high standards not only through an institutional accreditation process but also through programmatic accreditation. Thus, we are extremely interested in projects that help universities to meet the goals of quality educational practices.

To this end, Ho Chi Minh City Institute for Educational Research (IER) is very supportive of and agree to participate in the VEF-sponsored Quality Assessment Initiative for Computer Science, Electrical Engineering, and Physics at Select Universities in Vietnam as a co-sponsor. IER can provide human resource (experts and professional staff) and facilitate workshops and conferences on related issues to the project.

We also are pleased that Dr. Nguyen Thi Thanh Phuong is facilitating the project and that a group of U.S. experts will provide their professional expertise and skills to the development of Vietnamese higher education. IER is pleased to offer working place with necessary facilities to Dr. Nguyen and US experts when the needs arise.

I am very pleased about this opportunity for collaboration with VEF and send my best wishes to you.

Sincerely yours,



General Director

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