



Press release

Thousands more students in Vietnam benefit from Cambridge English language Certificates

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University of Cambridge ESOL Examinations and the Department of Education and Training (DOET) in Ho Chi Minh City today celebrate two years of offering students the opportunity to improve their English language skills. This successful collaboration has meant gaining access to internationally recognised English Language certificates in the country has never been more straightforward.

To review their combined achievements and plan ways of moving forward – Cambridge ESOL and DOET Ho Chi Minh City are hosting a celebratory event on **8 December, 9.30AM to 11.30AM at Continental Hotel, 132-134 Dong Khoi, District 1, Ho Chi Minh City**. This will be attended by a range of key parties including Principals from state schools and senior staff from language schools.

Sean Hayde, Assistant Director at Cambridge ESOL welcomed this celebration:

“This will be a great opportunity for us to report back on our successful work with DOET. Thanks to this initiative, we have helped improve the English language skills of thousands of students in Ho Chi Minh City who now have a certificate that really matters. We look forward to continuing this work in the future. We have been very impressed with DOET's commitment to increasing the level of English in Ho Chi Minh City, and we would like to congratulate all of the candidates who have passed the exams in the last two years - they and their parents should be very proud of their achievement ”

Thousands of students have already benefited from a range of English language qualifications including Cambridge ESOL's Key English Test (KET), Preliminary English Test (PET), and First Certificate in English (FCE). The Cambridge Young

Learners English Test (YLE) continues to be one of the most popular in the country. Aimed at young children with very basic skills, it often acts as a springboard to higher level exams such as KET and PET – which can encourage further study or benefit those in the workplace.

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Notes to Editors:

The **Young Learners English** programme is designed to be fun and enjoyable for children and motivate them to learn more English. For older children **the Key English Test (KET)** and **Preliminary English Test (PET)** will be introduced. The KET and PET tests in secondary school are intended to give students a strong foundation and good confidence in English and introduce them to international tests so they are well prepared for the future. All these tests include an oral component with a trained examiner and preparing for this gives students confidence in speaking English.

About Cambridge ESOL:

University of Cambridge ESOL Examinations is part of the Cambridge Assessment Group, a not-for-profit organisation and a department of the University of Cambridge. It is part of the Cambridge Assessment group, which is Europe's largest assessment agency. We provide examinations in English language for over 2 million people every year, in more than 130 countries, as well as a range of qualifications for language teachers.

Our examinations are developed on the basis of a long-term process of academic and practical research, to ensure that they are accurate, fair, reliable and relevant, and that they encourage learners to develop the skills they need to use English effectively in the real world.

University of Cambridge ESOL Examinations is a founder member of the Association of Language Testers in Europe and works closely with testing organisations, schools and academics throughout the world to support the development of language testing in theory and practice