

## Challenges and Strategic Responses from Hue University of Medicine and Pharmacy

### Introduction

Internationalisation is one of the core pillars in our university's development plan and aligns with Vietnam's national goals for 2045. Our university is committed to expanding global engagement, improving academic quality, and integrating international standards into health sciences training.

### Current Achievements

#### Global Partnerships

- The university has signed 60+ cooperation agreements (MoUs) with institutions across the USA, South Korea, Thailand, Japan, Australia, France, Finland, and others.
- Collaboration covers faculty/ student mobility.

#### Quality Assurance & Accreditation

- 1 program is internationally accredited.
- 4 programs are planned for AUN-QA assessment in 2026.

#### Joint Academic programs

- Implemented joint Master's program in Nursing (with Khon Kaen University, Thailand).
- Developing a joint Master's program in One Health Biomedical Sciences (with the University of Sassari, Italy)

### Faculty International Development

Figure 1: Number of Staff Participating in Overseas Training and International Conferences (2020–2025)



### Key Challenges

#### Regulatory Barriers

- Overlapping regulations between the Education Law and the Law on Medical Examination and Treatment
- Inconsistent foreign language proficiency requirements for joint programs

#### Institutional Capacity

Limited resources to meet international standards

### Strategic Responses

#### International Partnerships & Investments

Expanding international collaborations and investments

#### Digital Adoption & Faculty Capacity Development

Adopting digital technologies in training and assessment, and developing faculty to meet global standards

#### Accreditation & Policy Advancement

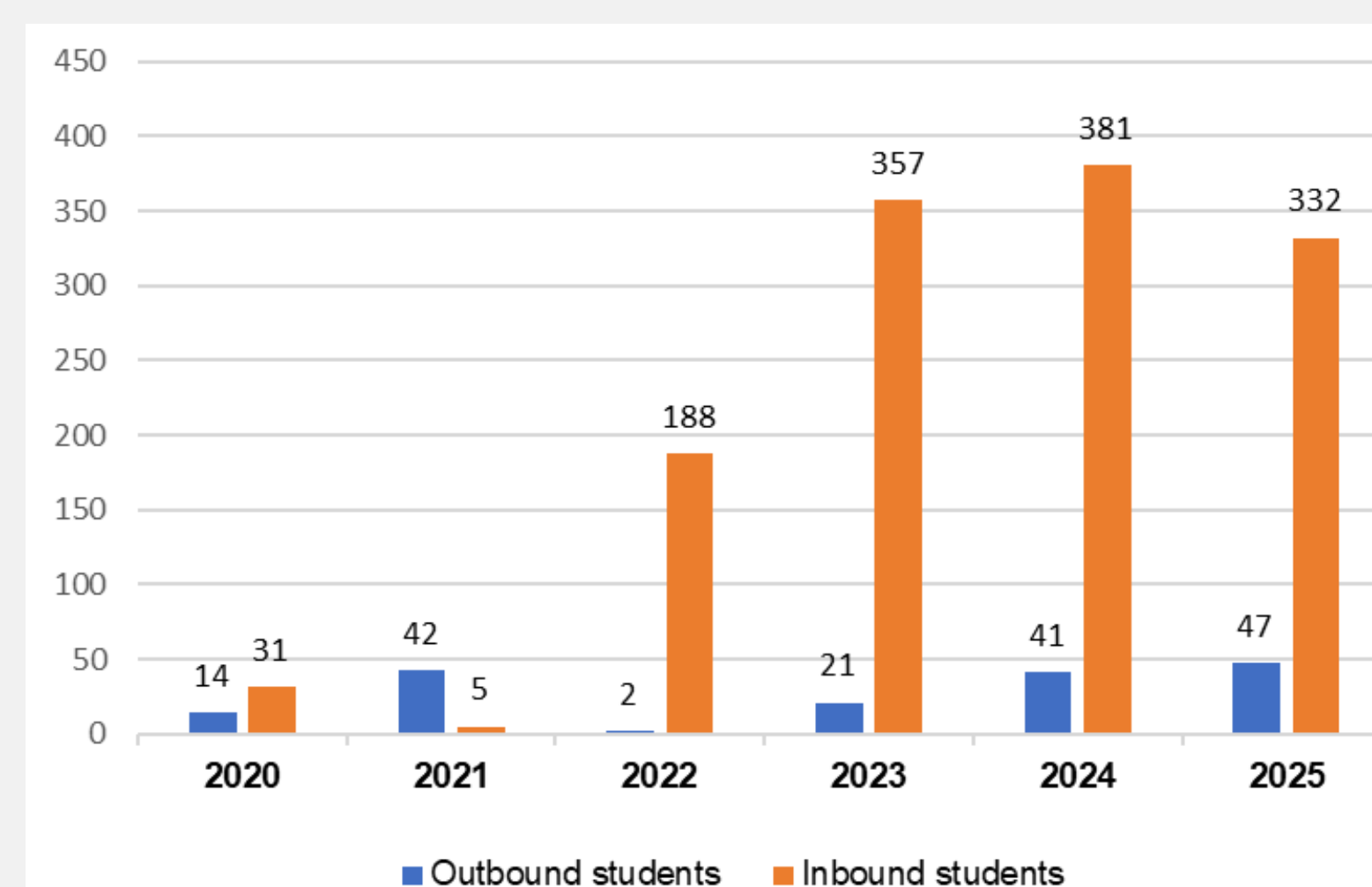
Pursuing regional accreditation and contributing to policy revisions that support the internationalization of higher education.

### Expected Outcomes

- Maintain 40-50 outgoing students annually and increase international student inflow
- Achieve AUN-QA for 6-8 programs
- Increase faculty with international training by 30-50%
- Strengthen role as regional hub for health sciences education

### Student Mobility

Figure 2: Student Mobility (2020–2025)



### HUE UNIVERSITY OF MEDICINE AND PHARMACY

#### Facts and Figures

1957 Foundation Year		
<b>Majors:</b> Medicine, Traditional Medicine, Dentistry, Pharmacy & 6 Health Sciences programs	<b>Catchment areas:</b> Vietnam and Laos, especially Central and Highland Region (18 provinces; 30 million inhabitants)	<b>MoET accreditation:</b> 2017–2022 2022–2027
<b>1,200 Staff</b>	<b>8,000 Undergraduates</b>	<b>2,000 Postgraduates</b>

#### Core Values, Mission and University reform

##### CORE VALUES

- Wisdom and Compassion
- MISSION**
- Provision of excellence in training, research, technology transfer to meeting the people's health care needs
- EDUCATION PHILOSOPHY**
- Excellence
- Liberal education
- Devotion

##### UNIVERSITY REFORM

- System restructuring**
- Board of Trustees
- Rector's Board & Advisory Councils
- Offices, Faculties and Departments
- Faculty recruitment and development**
- Outcome-Based Education reform**
- Infrastructure investment**
- University autonomy**
- Administrative reform**

#### Practical Training Sites

##### 30+ affiliation health facilities

##### Hue UMP Hospital

- Year of establishment: 1998
- Number of beds: 700
- Number of services/techniques approved by MoH: 13,456
- Outpatient visits: 160,000 / year
- Surgical interventions: 14,000 / year
- Currently under expansion, up to 900 beds,

Capacity building project "Excellence in specialized healthcare services toward 2030"

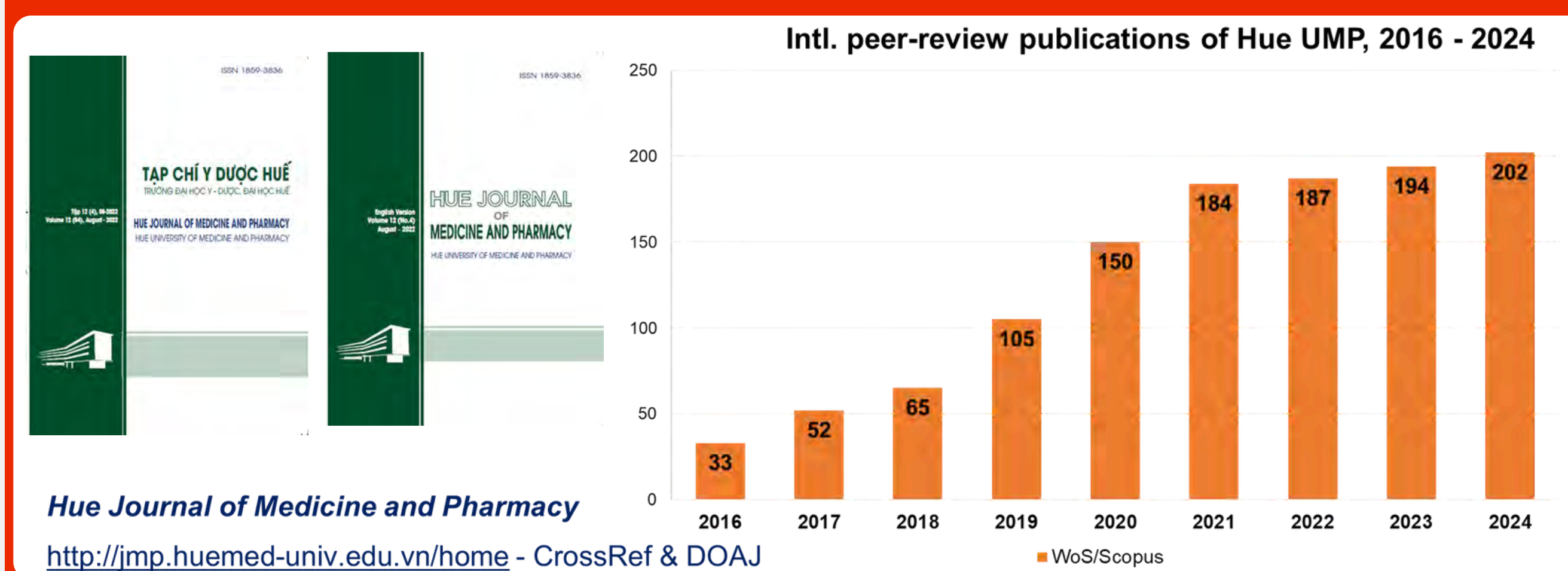
##### Hue Central Hospital (2 campuses, under MoH governance)

- Year of establishment: 1894 (first "western model" hospital in Vietnam)
- Number of beds: 4,500

#### International Network

- International partners**
- 60+ Universities and NGOs
- 40+ countries
- Exchange (inbound)**
- 180+ delegations/year
- 500+ students/year
- 20 international projects**
- Resources, training, research, healthcare

#### Research



### INSTITUTE OF INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION

#### Educational Services

- Organizing Joint Training Course
- Continuing Medical Education (CME)
- Inbound and Outbound Study Tour
- Supervision of International Students' Academic Learning Activities
- Grants and Scholarships to enhance academic performance

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