



## Rising Together: Leadership Skills for the Future of Higher Education in Vietnam and Southeast Asia

### Capacity Development

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#### Introduction to Mandalay University of Distance Education

- Located in Mandalay, Chan Aye Thar Zan township
- About 2000 students a year, and about 150 teachers
- Offering 15 Bachelor Degrees
- Not yet sophisticated online teaching learning system
- Self-learning through audio and video DVDs, and TV broadcasting
- On campus 10 days intensive training before the exam
- Evaluation is on “Take-home Assignments”, “Pre-tests during intensive training”, and “Final exam”
- No need to submit graduation dissertation papers for bachelor degrees
- If students achieve qualifying class entrance, they need to write a dissertation paper
- To attend qualifying class and master class, they have to go to coordinating universities
- Not yet provide the internship opportunity to students
- In credit system, self-learning hours has not yet been accounted for
- Not yet achieved the Quality Accreditation certificate
- MoU with three countries (Thailand, Korea, and India)
- Not yet signed MoU with private companies
- Job and career fair once a year
- Research Journal yearly

#### Challenges in Distance Education

- Difficult to conduct accurate assess to student’s effort in doing assignments
- Some misconduct issues may be occurring
- Time limitation to practise in-class discussions, case studies, and project-based learning
- Teachers have to take classes even though the classes are not relating to their specializations
- Because of the national transfer system, teachers must move around various universities, and various regions

#### Plans to Overcome the Challenges

- Learning portal (Learning Management System)
- Training to teachers for QA procedures and requirements
- Training to teachers to develop Digital and IT skills
- Training to teachers to upgrade online and in-person class room management skills
- To develop the knowledge hub for students (to develop university-industry partnership)
- Research facilities
- New product co-creation between university and industry

#### Expected DAAD’s Support

- ToT through DAAD’s support
- QA process with DAAD’s support
- Staff exchange to learn international online teaching and learning practices
- Research facilities and knowledge hub through DAAD’s support