

# Media Release

**The Hon Martin Pakula MP**

Minister for Jobs, Innovation and Trade  
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## VICTORIA HELPS DEVELOP VIETNAM'S TECH WORKFORCE

Victoria's expertise in technology and skills is helping foster a unique relationship in Vietnam, with Melbourne based Swinburne University partnering with FPT University, a leading private university in Vietnam.

Minister for Jobs, Innovation and Trade Martin Pakula attended the launch in Hanoi and commended both institutions for their commitment in developing a highly skilled workforce for Vietnam, one of Southeast Asia's fastest growing economies.

Under the program, Swinburne's sought-after courses in information and communication technology, innovation and entrepreneurship will be accessible to Vietnamese students.

Swinburne is one of Victoria's largest public universities with over 50,000 students enrolled. It is a leader in science, technology and innovation and has a strong focus on industry engagement and social inclusion.

International education is Victoria's largest services export, generating \$10.6 billion in revenue in 2017-18 and supporting almost 79,000 jobs.

In addition to teaching and learning activities, the Swinburne-FPT partnership will also enhance student mobility between Melbourne and Vietnam with opportunities for Swinburne students to undertake studies in Vietnam and vice versa.

International students are choosing to study in Victoria in record levels with 2018 enrolment figures showing more than 227,000 students from 170 countries now studying across the state. Vietnam is Victoria's fourth largest market with around 12,700 enrolments.

While in Vietnam, Minister Pakula also visited Ho Chi Minh City Vocational College and Know One Teach One, who have standing partnerships with Victoria's Chisholm and Box Hill Institutes respectively.

### **Quotes attributable to Minister for Jobs, Innovation and Trade Martin Pakula**

*"We're working hard to grow the sector by making sure students have the best possible experience in Victoria and this partnership will mean more students in Vietnam get exposure to world-leading education opportunities."*

*"Victorian tertiary education institutions are at the forefront of international collaborations and engagement, which helps create local jobs and boost our exports."*

### **Quote attributable to Minister for Training and Skills and Higher Education Gayle Tierney**

*"We're encouraging knowledge exchange and student mobility because it's good for the Victorian economy and creates a long-lasting partnership that is good for students at home and abroad."*

### **Quote attributable to Pro Vice-Chancellor Monica Kennedy, Swinburne University of Technology**

*"Swinburne is a leader in creating social and economic impact through science, technology and innovation and this partnership enables us to combine strengths with our Vietnamese colleagues as they realise their goal of producing job-ready graduates for a society facing significant changes."*

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