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WORKSHOP ON COURSE DESIGN AND EVALUATION FOR VIETNAM OPENCOURSEWARE

Hanoi, June 10, 2007. The Vietnam Education Foundation (VEF) and the Ministry of Education and Training (MOET) are pleased to announce that the workshop on Course Design and Evaluation for Vietnam OpenCourseWare will take place in Hanoi on June 14-15 and in Ho Chi Minh City on June 18-19.

The workshop is part of the long-term project that is run cooperatively between VEF and MOET. The project aims at bringing the most updated and highest quality teaching and learning materials from the leading universities in the world to Vietnam by introducing and encouraging Vietnamese scientists, faculty members, students, and self-learners to use the Open Educational Resources (OER) in their teaching, learning, and research work.

“Following the global trend of using OER, VOCW will create a breakthrough to help Vietnamese students and learners to have a wide opportunity to access the world’s leading resources of learning materials” commented by Dr. Tran Thi Ha, Director of Department of Higher Education, MOET.

The participants of the two workshops are 40 Vietnamese faculty members appointed by MOET to develop standard courses for VOCW in the following areas during this initial stage: computer science, electrical engineering, and biotechnology.

The objectives of the workshop are three-fold: (1) to equip Vietnamese experts with necessary skills and guidelines to use the MIT courses and Connexions tools for the purpose of designing and developing courses for VOCW; (2) to finalize the criteria to evaluate the course content developed; and (3) to share experiences in designing, developing, and delivering developed courses

using OER. The workshop will be conducted by Dr. Philip Doughty who has thirty five years of experience as a faculty member and also as chair of a graduate academic program at Syracuse University in New York, U.S. He has extensive experience in course design, development, and evaluation.

“We believe that the workshop which brings outstanding U.S. and Vietnamese educators close together for this significant project, will determine the appropriate uses of the Open Educational Resources in teaching and learning in the Vietnamese environment. This is another breakthrough in the collaboration of VEF and MOET to set high standards in the higher education of Vietnam” said Dr. Vo Van Toi, Executive Director of VEF.