

VinaCapital Foundation, S'pore Uni. jointly support local execs

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Annie Koh (L), Associate Professor of Singapore Management University, and Don Lam, chairman of VinaCapital Foundation, shake hands after signing the agreement in HCMC on Wednesday to give a training course for local business leaders - Photo: Thuy Trieu

HCMC – VinaCapital Foundation on Wednesday inked a memorandum of understanding (MOU) with Singapore Management University to give a training course to help local business leaders enhance their capacity.

The MOU relates to a nine-day executive training course to be organized by International Management Institute of Vietnam, one of VinaCapital Foundation's ongoing education initiatives, from July through August this year.

Don Lam, chairman of the foundation, said that VinaCapital as a fund management company had realized leaders of some enterprises especially small and medium enterprises was not good in management so this non-profit program aimed to help them build capacity.

Annie Koh, Associate Professor of Finance and Dean of the Office of Executive and Professional Education at Singapore Management University, said the training program would equip local executives with the right tool for development.

"With the support of VinaCapital and the Global Development Learning Network (initiated by the World Bank), we... provide Vietnam's top leaders with the right tools to take their companies to the next level," she said.

She also added that "This is our first venture in Vietnam and through this partnership we look forward to building stronger links between Vietnamese and Singaporean businesses."

The Singapore university will create chances for Vietnam businessmen to meet business leaders from Singapore to exchange ideas, information, and experiences on management.

VinaCapital Foundation is a non-governmental organization founded in 2006 to help alleviate poverty and improve the status of the poor in Vietnam by increasing access to quality healthcare for children, improving medical institutions, and supporting high-level programs that build business knowledge and executive leadership.

Programs include Heartbeat Vietnam, which funds cardiac operations for poor children, the Telemedicine Series, a Clinton Global Initiative that continues the medical education of physicians in Southeast Asia via teleconference; and the International Management Institute of Vietnam, an international standard training center for Vietnam's business leaders.

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