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Vietwater'18 set to connect Australian and Vietnamese water expertise

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Close to 100 Australian water professionals will make their way to Ho Chi Minh City for Vietnam's largest water conference and exhibition, Vietwater'18 on 5-9 November.

The Australian Water Association has facilitated three delegations to Vietwater since 2015, with each Australian delegation growing in number every year.

"The Australian delegations to Vietwater'15, Vietwater'16 and Vietwater'17 marked the largest Australian delegations to ever visit Vietnam including 245 Australian delegates from the private sector, government, R&D and water utilities in attendance," Chief Executive Jonathan McKeown said.

"The Australian delegation to Vietwater'18 will continue this momentum to build collaborative relationships, and strengthen trade and investment, by helping to improve the business climate and expand the scope of business opportunities for mutual benefit."

Joining the delegation is Australian Ambassador to Vietnam, Craig Chittick who says there is tremendous potential for water business in Vietnam.

"I see the Australian delegation's participation at Vietwater'18 as a key platform in building a closer economic partnership between our two countries' water sectors," Ambassador Chittick said.

"The growing investment and trade links between the Australian and Vietnamese water sectors indicate there is strong demand for Australian expertise and technological innovation."

Australian delegates participating in the mission to Vietwater will be involved in a series of tailored events designed to make connections with people across the Vietnamese water sector.

Delegates will have space in the Australian booth, meet with water leaders, NGOs, donor agencies, private sector companies and water utilities in a series of workshops, business meetings, site tours and networking events.

Below is an outline of the program for Australian delegates attending Vietwater'18.

Monday, 5 November

- In-Country Briefing Session

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Tuesday, 6 November

- Cambodia-Australia Collaboration Workshop
- Welcome Reception at Australian Consul General Residence

Wednesday, 7 November

- Scoping Workshop: Asset Management Information System (closed workshop)
- Water Utility Improvement Program Workshop & Panel Session

Thursday, 8 November

- Gender Equality Workshop
- Networking Night hosted by NSW Minister for Water

Friday, 9 November

- Water Quality Monitoring and Surveillance Workshop (closed workshop)

Monday, 12 November

- Ambassador's Site Tour to Phu Tho Water Company

Thank you to our partners for making the fourth Australian delegation to Vietwater possible.



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About the Australian Water Association

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