

# Proposal: Concept on Group-work Internship in Short-term Program 2019, G-DORM Project

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## 1. Summary of G-DORM Project

This project (hereafter called as “G-DORM Project”) is aiming to develop global SciTech leaders capable of solving regional revitalization issues from an integrative standpoint through a student exchange program.

In this program, students from Hanoi University of Science and Technology (HUST) and Niigata University (NU) shall form cross-academic year, cross-disciplinary, multinational student teams, and will conduct mainly group-work (GW) internship. In the GW internship, students will experience different societies at first hand, aiming to develop knowledge of a coherent process for industrial change. This course is offered in cooperation with Japanese companies that possess international development capabilities, and have extent or is extending their business in or around Hanoi. In addition, students can understand the different problems and needs of different countries from the perspective of regional cooperation.

Distinguished feature of this GW internship is to be provided based on PBL [Project Based Learning or Problem Based Learning] methodology. Students can have lectures, practical training and discussion with the student team members to gain knowledge on potentials and challenges of Japanese companies for the extension of their business to overseas. In addition, the students can improve their attitude and skills for working in Japanese companies and/or among international team such as communication and team building. Therefore, **this program requires active participation by students.**

In comparison to general internship program that provides only job-training, this GW internship provides practical learning opportunities about current and future vision of Japanese companies from top leaders of the companies. The students can have a chance to be aware of essences on the success of business at global companies, especially Japanese companies, through the participation of this program. It emphasizes to be useful for their future carrier as well as their job hunting.

## 2. Schedule of Short-term Program 2019 in Hanoi, Vietnam

Students from NU will reach Hanoi on February 20, 2019 and leave from there in the night on March 4. Main activities for the short-term program in Hanoi is shown as the following table.

Date	Summary of Activities
Feb 21	Activities for NU students to learn culture in Vietnam and to study about the companies.
Feb 22	Orientation and kick-off activities among students' groups of NU and HUST.
Feb 25	Pre-study on the companies for GW internship to be visited.
Feb 26-28	Company visits for GW internship (One company each day, total 3 companies for 3 days)
Mar 1	Presentation making for the forum.
Mar 4	Forum and reflection workshop.

## 3. Purpose, Assignment and Expected Outputs of Short-term Program

This short-term program aims **to enhance understanding of students on strengths/appeal points, challenges and future possibilities of Japanese companies operating in or around Hanoi, and to**

**encourage their global senses towards their future action**, by providing opportunities for discussion, summarization and presentation of their ideas through group work.

In consideration of the abovementioned purpose, assignment and outputs of this program is set as below;

**= Assignment to Students =**

**Give suggestions on future vision about business of your selected company in or around Hanoi, summarizing your learnings about past, present and future plan on global strategies (business strategies in Vietnam) of each company.**

**= Outputs Required to Students through Their Group work =**

- (1) To summarize strengths and challenges on business extension in Vietnam for your selected company, comparing to other companies based on your learnings about past, present and future plan on global strategies (business strategies in Vietnam) of each company
- (2) To show your ideas about external factors, for example opportunities (chances) and threats (risks), for business extension of your selected company.
- (3) Based on the abovementioned discussion, to consider and suggest your answer to the question “What would be the headlines and articles if this company were to be reported in Vietnam newspaper five years later?” Also, to provide its evidence-based reasons.
- (4) To show your own lessons learnt through company visits and/or group-work activities, and your idea how you would like to utilize the lessons learnt for future.

#### **4. Activities during Company Visits**

The company visits for GW internship are scheduled for three days on February 26-28. Students all together visited one company on each day, therefore, total three companies to be visited for the three days. Every activity during company visits will be basically from 10:00 to 16:00, having one-hour lunch break (12:30 to 13:30). A former half part of the activity will be introduction and factory observation of a visiting company for 2.5 hours. A later half part of the activity will be group discussion among only students, then have Q&A with staff of the visiting company. The group discussion among only students aims to organize collected information about the visiting company and discuss questions to staff of the visiting company in order to gain necessary information additionally for the achievement of the abovementioned outputs.

#### **5. Contents of PPT Presentation for Forum**

In the forum held on March 4, each students’ group requires to provide an English presentation. Each Group has **15 mins for the presentation** to be given and **5 mins for Q&A** in the forum. Contents of the presentation should be included as below;

- A) Title: Group number, member name and your selected company name**
- B) Brief introduction of group members**
- C) Answer to the abovementioned outputs of (1) to (4)**
- D) Free opinions, especially what your group would like to emphasize.**

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