

# OKP Newsletter

## February 2022



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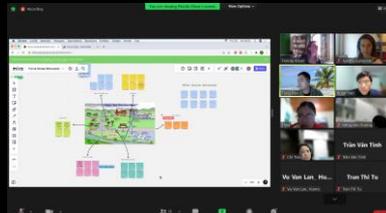
# A resilient new year!

*February 2022, Delft*

February 1<sup>st</sup> marked lunar New Year for our Vietnamese partners: Tet. The Year of the Tiger marks a year of resilience, strength and bravery. While the world has experienced difficult times due to the Covid-19 pandemic, the Year of the Tiger could offer hope amid the challenges. Check out how some of our partners celebrated Tet on page 9 of this newsletter.



This newsletter contains a special feature on the British Council research on International higher education partnerships & SDGs. We also share with you OKP news from the past two months, including the PhD defence of Ko, the Citizen Science online course and the HUNRE young researcher discussion group. Do not forget to check out the announcement for the Delta Futures Lab Webinars (which take place every Friday) and the Water Summit for Global Development (which takes place on March 15<sup>th</sup>)! TU Delft also published their new open science website which contains useful tools and links. More on that on page 7. Enjoy the read.



# OKP Vietnam & Myanmar: News and (planned) activities

## PhD defence Dr. Nyein Thandar Ko

In January 12th, Nyein Thandar Ko successfully defended her PhD. She joined TU Delft as a PhD student in May 2016. Her research was about monitoring the river health of the Ayeyarwady River in Myanmar using various techniques such as (citizen-science based) biomonitoring, remote sensing, and modelling. Congratulations Ko!



## Mangrove Scoping Study May Ei

Together with WWF, our partner Dr. May Ei Nandar Soe carried out a scoping study on mangrove restoration in the Ayeyarwady in Myanmar. Mangrove restoration is a critical challenge for increasing resilience in Myanmar. The highlighted results can be found [here](#). May Ei will continue to do research on this topic in the coming months.



## Introducing the HUNRE Young Scientist Group

Once per month, young scientists of HUNRE gather online to discuss their research topics and challenges they face, as well as to share useful tools and opportunities with each other. Want to join? Contact [tyikhoa@hunre.edu.vn](mailto:tyikhoa@hunre.edu.vn).



## Citizen scientists wanted – monitoring the Nhue - Day river basin

OKP Partner Ngoc Huan Tran has created a Facebook group to set up a citizen science campaign in the Nhue-Day river basin in Vietnam. Citizens are mobilized to measure various hydrological parameters. Huan's research seeks to illustrate the use of community-based data collecting in bridging flood information gaps to aid in flood risk assessment in the Bui River Basin. Knowledge and results are also shared on this page. [Check it out!](#)

You can find more information about collaboration on the TU Delft-Vietnam website: <https://www.tudelft.nl/citg/vietnam/> and on the TU Delft-Myanmar website: <https://www.tudelft.nl/myanmar/>

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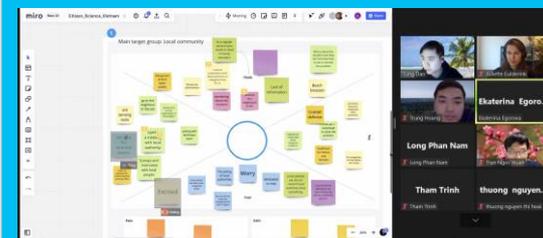
## OKP Vietnam partners and alumni in the Netherlands

OKP partners Thi Van Le Khoa and Do Thi Thuy Dung are both in the Netherlands. Khoa is working on his PhD on plastic transport in rivers at Wageningen University & Research and will return to Vietnam at the end of this month. He resided here for 6 months working on his research and OKP outputs. Dung is studying Water Science Engineering at IHE Delft and will remain in Delft until early 2023 to complete her MSC.



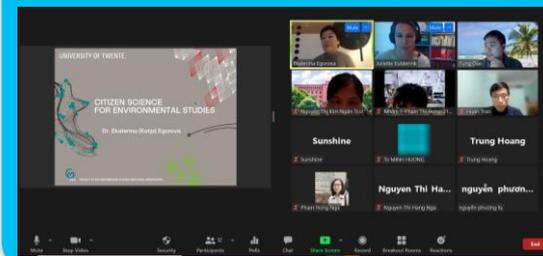
## Citizen Science course: part 1

Part one of the ITC Twente tailor-made Citizen Science course was completed in January. Fifteen participants explored the history of citizen science, its theoretical foundations, and existing frameworks. They looked at various levels of citizens' participation, and analyzed the design and set-up of a number of existing projects, ranging from crowdsourcing to collaborative science. Part two will resume in March 2022.



## Urban drainage & flooding focus group

In the beginning of January, we organized a focus discussion group on the urban drainage system of Hanoi, trying to discover the failure mechanisms by identifying the vulnerabilities together with various water professionals.



You can find more information about collaboration on the TU Delft-Vietnam website: <https://www.tudelft.nl/citg/vietnam/> and on the TU Delft-Myanmar website: <https://www.tudelft.nl/myanmar/>

# International higher education partnerships & SDGs

International higher education partnerships contribute significantly to the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), according to a **new study** published by the **British Council** and the **Association of Commonwealth Universities** (ACU). **OKP Climate Proof Vietnam** was chosen as one of the case studies for this research.



Read the full report

Read the article

Take a look at the case studies

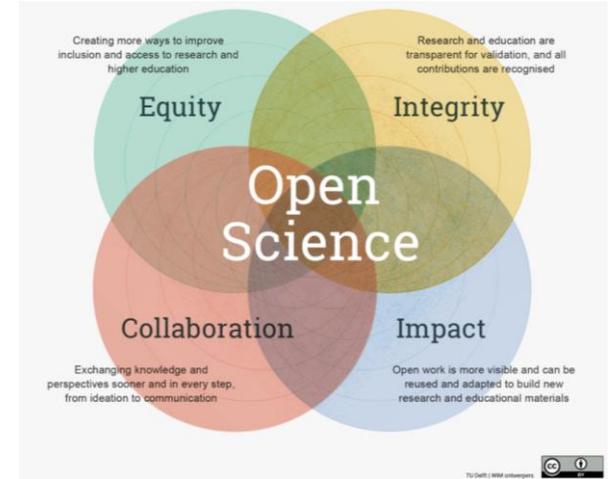
Check out the factsheet

International higher education partnerships help students, academics, industry and wider society to share knowledge and ideas, to drive research and innovation, and to build skills through teaching and learning and in practice. International higher education partnerships are better equipped than single organisations to address societal issues because they bring together various types of partners from various disciplines, sectors and countries. The study also finds that mutual trust and open communication, a shared vision and long-term commitment to working together are vital to the success of the partnerships, along with the engagement of senior institutional leaders.

# New TU Delft open science website

The new TU Delft Open Science website is the home for resources and inspiring stories. By applying open science principles in your work you are making a larger impact with your research and teaching. It also opens up new opportunities for collaboration, it increases transparency and it creates more ways for more people to take part in research and higher education.

Visit the [website](#)



Define

Find out how open science can shape your work under the 'Define' section on the website.

Apply

For practical information and resources go to the 'Apply' section, where you will find information on funding, research data management, open educational resources, available training and much more

Contribute

In the 'Contribute' section, be inspired by the way others apply open science at TU Delft and beyond.

# Opportunities

## Delta Futures Lab Webinars

TU Delft organizes Delta Futures Lab webinars every week on future challenges of Delta regions around the globe. Join us for inspirational sessions!

Every Friday 12:30-13:30 CEST]  
18.30-19.30 VN time  
18:00-19:00 MMR time

Find the upcoming lectures and links in the agenda at <https://deltafutureslab.org/agenda/>



Delta Futures Lab



## Water Summit for Global Development

On 15 March 2022 the Water Summit for Global Development takes place. The Water Summit aims to build and foster strong interdisciplinary relationships with a wide variety of stakeholders in the water sector.

The international water community is welcome at the campus of TU Delft for a full day of inspiration. Check it out:

<https://watersummitdelft.nl/>

Water Summit for

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*Catching Up With Urbanisation*



15 March 2022  
TU Delft Aula

# Tet 2022: Chúc Mừng Năm Mới!



Tet is the Vietnamese (Lunar) New Year and is the most important festival and public holiday in Vietnam. February marked the start of the year of the tiger. The tiger embodies courage and bravery, so the new year symbolizes resilience and strength — even in times of struggle! We wish all our partners a very happy and prosperous new year!

