

OKP Newsletter



June 2020

Dear partners,

Covid-19 has changed the entire world, and that includes the OKP collaboration projects. Partnerships with international research institutes and universities have been important for Delft University of Technology for years, allowing for new insights and exchange in knowledge. However, now that we are in the midst of a global pandemic, how can intercountry collaboration continue, where borders are closed and most people are working from home? Missions of the TU Delft partners have not been possible the past months, and may not be possible for the next few months. That is why we must now be creative in our collaborations. If you have ideas about new initiatives during this time, do not hesitate to contact us.

Within this first newsletter, which will now be sent monthly, you will find some quick news items on the OKP projects, the planned events, the introductions of some Dutch project partners, and opportunities for professional development. Enjoy!



News and planned events

Vietnam

At the end of June, Đỗ Thị Thùy Dung and Ninh Kiều Anh will be the first students in the faculty of Water Resources Management of HUNRE to complete their bachelor thesis in English. Dung looked at urban flooding in the My Dinh area of Hanoi and Kiều Anh studied the groundwater reserves in the coastal plain of Ninh Thuan province. Supervision was done by Tran Thuy Chi, Dr. Ta Thi Thoang and Juliette (partly over Skype!). They will defend their thesis on June 26th. Good luck ladies!



In the summer of 2020, an OKP career booklet will be published online for students of HUNRE and Thuyloi. It aims to inspire and give insights to careers in the Vietnamese water sector, including international firms. It contains interviews about the job duties and responsibilities of the staff and projects of a range of firms. Stay tuned!

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

Myanmar

During April 2020, MSc student Robbert de Lange carried out a measuring campaign of lake quality at different locations using a drone. He did this project in cooperation with the Dutch start-up INDYMO. INDYMO focuses on innovative ways of monitoring water quality and ecology using underwater and water surface drones equipped with water quality, sonar and video cameras. More information about this technology can be found at <https://www.indymo.nl/>



In the summer of 2020, TU delft in cooperation with ITC Twente will organize a tailor-made online training for MMU and YTU staff on academic skills. These skills include academic writing, plagiarism, referencing, open source, open science and many more. More information will follow.

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

Get to know us!

In each newsletter, we will introduce three of the Dutch OKP partners. In June we introduce Lindsey, Thom and Juliette.



Name: Lindsey Schwidder
Current position: Project Manager Water
Main expertise: Water innovations, capacity building, acquisition and project management
Passionate about: Badminton, travelling
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Role in OKP projects:
Overall project management and coordination of OKP projects in South-East Asia

Favourite thing about South-East Asia:
The food, the warmth of the sun, the people and that it never goes as expected!



Name: Thom Bogaard
Current position: Assistant Professor Hydrology
Main expertise: hillslope and landslide hydrology, tracer hydrology, hazard management, hydrological measurements and monitoring
Passionate about: mountaineering, rock climbing, outdoor sports and travelling

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Role in OKP projects:
Academic advice and support, (hydrological) fieldwork designs and campaigns, supervising exchange students from TU Delft

Favourite thing about South-East Asia:
The people, the culture and food. The very nice climate is also much appreciated!



Name: Juliette Eulderink
Current position: Resident Project Manager Vietnam
Main expertise: Hydrology, capacity building, environmental flow management
Passionate about: Travelling, scuba-diving, painting/drawing
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Role in OKP projects:
Coordination of OKP activities and events on the ground, academic support and student supervision

Favourite thing about South-East Asia:
The generosity and sense of humour of the people, the amazing food, the beaches and the sun!

Opportunities

OKP scholarships for IHE short-courses 2021

The Orange Knowledge Programme also promotes capacity building within organizations by providing training and education through scholarships for professionals. Many water-related short-courses (2-4 weeks spent in Delft) will be given in 2021 at IHE Delft. You can apply for a scholarship to follow such a shortcourse. For the upcoming courses, please visit <https://www.un-ihe.org/short-courses>.

Interested and require assistance applying? Contact Juliette at J.L.F.Eulderink@tudelft.nl

MDF online and on-site training courses

MDF training & consultancy offers many trainings on a range of skills. Courses are given in different languages including English and Vietnamese. Please visit <https://mdf.nl/training#course-overview>.

One that may be particularly useful is:

Writing
Winning
Proposals
[Click here](#)

Interested in following such a course? Contact Juliette at J.L.F.Eulderink@tudelft.nl

TU Delft (free) selected EdX MOOCs:

Free online courses on a range of topics, available at any time:

Decision Making
Under Uncertainty

Click [here](#)

Sustainable Urban
Development

Click [here](#)

Framing Your
Communication to
Inspire and
Convince

Click [here](#)

Drinking Water
Treatment

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