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Vietnam-Australia Beef Cattle Symposium 13 to 15 November, Pan Pacific Hotel, Hanoi

Reimagining innovation and development of the Vietnam-Australian beef cattle sectors. Strengthening technical collaboration, trade, and investment.

Monday 13th November 2023	
18:30 - 21:00	Networking function Turtle Lake Brewing Company, 105 Quảng Khánh, Tây Hồ

Vietnam-Australia beef cattle symposium program

Tuesday 14 November 2023		
8:00-8:15	Arrival and Registration	
8:15	Official welcome (5 min)	Dr. Nguyen Anh Phong , Deputy Director General, Institute of Policy and Strategy for Agriculture and Rural Development (IPSARD)
8:20	Opening remarks (10 min)	Mr. Phung Duc Tien , Deputy Minister, Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development (MARD)
8:30	Opening remarks (10 min)	H.E. Andrew Goledzinowski , Australian Ambassador to Vietnam
8:40-8:50	Official Photographs	
8:50-10:10	Session 1. Current beef cattle industry, markets and trade situation, priorities, and outlook (80 min)	Chairs: Dr Pham Kim Dang , Deputy Director General, Department of Livestock Production (DLP) and Assoc. Prof. Dominic Smith , Griffith Asia Institute (GAI), Griffith University
8:50	Strategic priorities for growing Vietnam's beef cattle sector (10 min)	Dr Pham Kim Dang , Deputy Director General, Department of Livestock Production (DLP)
9:00	Navigating an uncertain future. Opportunities to strengthen collaboration and trade in the beef cattle sector (10 min)	Mr. Tony Harman , Counsellor (Agriculture), Australian Embassy, Hanoi
9:10	Sector panel session Recent drivers and trends in beef cattle markets and trade in the Asia region – outlook and implications (50 min)	Panel moderator: Assoc. Prof. Dominic Smith , GAI, Griffith University - Assoc. Prof. Hoang Kim Giao , President, Vietnam Ruminant Husbandry Association (VinaRUHA) - Mr. Tran Bao Son , General Director, Thaco Agri Company - Mr. Mark Harvey Sutton , CEO Australian Live Export Council (ALEC) - Mr. Wayne Collier , CEO LiveCorp - Mr. Spencer Whitaker , SEA Market Manager, Meat and Livestock Australia (MLA)

		- Representative , Laos, Department of Livestock and Fisheries (DLF) of Laos PDR
10:00	Launch of Vietnam's National Animal Welfare Standards (10 min)	Representatives from Department of Animal Health (DAH) and MLA
10:10-10:30	Morning tea and photograph (20 min)	
10:30-12:00	Session 2. Meeting net zero emission targets in the beef cattle sector (90 min)	Chairs: Assoc. Prof. Le Thi Thanh Huyen , Head of Department of Livestock System and Environment Research, National Institute of Animal Science (NIAS) and Assoc. Prof. Dominic Smith , GAI, Griffith University
10:30	Brief overview of session – importance, context, and purpose (5 min)	Assoc. Prof. Dominic Smith , GAI, Griffith University
10:35	Net zero emission targets, accounting and activities in the beef and livestock sector in Vietnam (15 min)	Assoc. Prof. Le Thi Thanh Huyen , Head of Department of Livestock System and Environment Research, (NIAS)
10:50	Carbon Neutral by 2030 – a road map for the Australian red meat sector (15 min) (remote)	Dr. Margaret Jewel , Program Manager, Environmental Sustainability, MLA
11:05	Meeting the climate challenge. Innovations to reduce emissions and achieve net zero in the Australia-Vietnam beef sector (15 min) (remote)	Prof. Ben Hayes , Research Director, Zero-Net Emissions CRC, Queensland Alliance for Agriculture and Food Innovation (QAAFI)
11:20	Funding net zero and nature positive. Opportunities for financing in the beef cattle (15 min)	Mr. Guy Williams , Executive Director, Pollination Group
11:35	Questions and comments (25 min)	Assoc. Prof. Le Thi Thanh Huyen , Head of Department of Livestock System and Environment Research, (NIAS)
12:00-13:00	Lunch (60 min)	
13:00-15:00	Session 3. Profitable forage and fattening systems (120 min)	Chair: Dr. Pham Kim Dang , Deputy Director General, DLP
13:00	Session overview, context, and importance. (5 min)	Dr. Rodd Dyer , FocusGroupGo Asia Pacific
13:05	Commercial cattle feeding challenges and innovations in Vietnam (20 min)	Mr. Hoang Van Hoang , Director, HTL Company Limited
13:25	Insights from 30 years of cattle feeding and feedlot management in Indonesia (20 min) (remote)	Mr. Greg Pankhurst , Feedlot consultant, Queensland Livestock Exporters Association, Frontier International PTY Limited
13:45	Industry panel – Managing challenges in the commercial fattening and feedlot sector in Vietnam (55 min)	Panel moderators: Dr Pham Kim Dang , Deputy Director General, DLP and Dr. Rodd Dyer , FocusGroupGo Asia Pacific - Mr. Vuong Huu Dung , Deputy Director, Phu Lam Corporation - Mr. Tran Van Thang , Director, Thang Loi Development and Trade Ltd.

		- Ms. Pham Thi Phuong , Vu Yen Breeding Import and Export Company Limited - Mr. Nguyen Viet Dung , Import Officer, Hoa Phat Agriculture Development Joint Stock Company
14:40	Questions and discussion (20 min)	Dr. Pham Kim Dang , Deputy Director General, DLP and Dr. Rodd Dyer , FocusGroupGo Asia Pacific
15:00-15:20	Afternoon tea (20 min)	
15:20-17:00	Session 4. Profitable forage and fattening systems 2 (100 min)	Dr. Pham Kim Dang , Deputy Director General, DLP
15:20	Profitable feeding strategies for low-input cattle fattening (20 min)	Prof. Dennis Poppi , University of Queensland and Dr. Dinh Van Tuyen , De Heus Company Limited
15:40	Recent innovations in forage production and preservation for beef cattle fattening systems in Vietnam (15 min)	Assoc. Prof. Le Thi Thanh Huyen , Head of Department of Livestock Systems and Environment Research, (NIAS) and Dr. Melanie Blanchard , CIRAD
15:55	Utilization of agricultural byproducts as feed for cattle (15 min)	Dr. Nguyen Thi Vinh , Vice Dean, Faculty of Animal Science, Department of Animal Husbandry, VNUA.
16:10-17:00	Mini-panel session – insights from cattle producers and exporters	Moderator: Dr. Rodd Dyer , FocusGroupGo Asia Pacific
16:10	Feeding strategies for maximizing growth and performance of cattle for live-export markets (10 min)	Dr. Steve Petty , Clean Agriculture, and International Tourism, TH Group
16:20	Feeding for profitability – live-export and feedlot markets in central Queensland (10 min)	Mr. Ryan Olive , Raglan Live-export yards and feedlot, Private sector
16:30	Questions and discussion (30 min)	Dr. Pham Kim Dang , Deputy Director General, DLP and Dr. Rodd Dyer , FocusGroupGo Asia Pacific
17:00	Close	
18:00	Bus depart Pan Pacific for Los Fuegos Argentine Steakhouse	
18:30-21:00	Symposium dinner – Los Fuegos Argentine Steakhouse @ 35A, Alley 12 Đ. Đặng Thai Mai, Tây Hồ	

Wednesday 15 November 2023		
8:00-8:15	Arrival and Registration	
8:15-10:10	Session 5. Improving breeding and genetics in Vietnam (115 min)	Chair: Dr. Pham Doan Lan , Deputy Director General, NIAS and Dr. Rodd Dyer , FocusGroupGo Asia Pacific
8:15	Session overview, context, and importance. (5 min)	Dr. Rodd Dyer , FocusGroupGo Asia Pacific
8:20	National cattle breeding and genetic improvement strategies and opportunities in Vietnam. (15 min)	Mrs. Pham Kim Dung , Head of Department of Animal Breeding and Genetics, DLP
8:35	Advancing Meat-Oriented Beef Breeding Formulas and Some Recommendations for the Future of Beef Cattle Development in Vietnam (15 min).	Dr. Phung The Hai , Deputy Director, Vietnam Ruminant Breeding Center (Vinalica)

8:50	Applications of genetic and breeding technologies and lessons from Australia. (20 min)	Prof. Wayne Pitchford , School of Animal and Veterinary Science, University of Adelaide
9:10	How can genomic tools support breeding and genetic improvement in Vietnam? (20 min) (Remote)	Prof. Ben Hayes , Centre Director, Animal Science, Queensland Alliance for Agriculture and Food Innovation
9:30	Questions and discussion (40 min)	Chair: Dr. Pham Doan Lan , Deputy Director General, NIAS and Dr. Rodd Dyer , FocusGroupGo Asia Pacific
10:10-10:30	Morning tea (20 min)	
10:30-12:15	Session 6. Applied approaches to breeding and genetic improvement (105 min)	Chair: Dr. Pham Doan Lan , Deputy Director General, NIAS and Dr. Rodd Dyer , FocusGroupGo Asia Pacific
10:30	Evaluating genotypes for beef cattle productivity and market specifications. A case study from northern Australia (15 min)	Mr. Tim Schatz , Head of Livestock, Northern Territory Department of Industry, Tourism and Trade
10:45	Importing productive breeding cows. A strategy for genetic improvement in Vietnam? (15 min)	Mr. Neil McDonald , Beef cattle consultant
11:00	Maximising genetic gain by improving reproductive performance of productive breeders (15 min)	Dr Kieren McCosker , Senior Research Fellow, Queensland Alliance for Agriculture and Food Innovation, Queensland University
11:15	Industry and expert panel – new technologies and approaches for breeding and genetic improvement in Vietnam. (40 min)	Chair: Dr. Pham Doan Lan , Deputy Director General, NIAS and Dr. Rodd Dyer , FocusGroupGo Asia Pacific <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Assoc. Prof. Le Thi Thuy, Chief of International Cooperation Department, VinaRUHA. - Dr. Ngo Dinh Tan, Director, Ba Vi Cattle and Forage Research Centre, NIAS - Mr. Do Van Huong, Director, Breeding and Genetics, Thaco Agri - Mr. Tran Van Luyen, Chairman, Quang Ninh Livestock Breeding Company - Ms. To Tue Lang, Director, Asia Pacific Dairy Company
11:55	Questions and discussion (20 min)	Chair: Dr. Pham Doan Lan , Deputy Director General, NIAS and Dr. Rodd Dyer , FocusGroupGo Asia Pacific
12:15-13:15	Lunch (60 min)	
13:15-15:10	Session 7. Modernizing processing, value adding and integrity systems (115 min)	Chair: Representative from National Agro-Forestry-Fisheries Quality Assurance Department (NAFIQPM)
13:15	Session overview, context, and importance (5 min)	Mr. Spencer Whitaker , Market Development Manager, MLA
13:20	Strategies, priorities, and opportunities for modernizing beef processing, food safety and value adding (15 min)	Representative from NAFIQPM

13:35	Improving meat quality and adding value in beef processing – technical innovations and opportunities (15 min)	Mr. Greg Butler , Consultant, MLA
13:50	Improving animal welfare and integrity systems in beef cattle supply chains (15 min)	Dr. Michael Patching , Director, Alta Food and Agriculture Company
14:05	Industry panel – challenges and innovations in improving beef processing – meat quality, food safety and value adding (45 min)	Moderator: Mr. Nguyen Huy Tien , Business Development Manager, Meat and Livestock Australia - Representative from Pacow International Company - Mr. Nguyen Dang Phu , Deputy General Director, Vissan - Representative from Đông Thành - Representative from VinaBeef-Sojitz - Dr. Ha Thuy Hanh , Vice President of the Vietnam Farming and Agricultural Enterprises Association (VFAEA)
14:50	Questions and discussion (20 min)	Mr. Nguyen Huy Tien , Market Development Manager, MLA
15:10-15:30	Afternoon tea (20 min)	
15:30-17:00	Session 8. Key stakeholder messages and next steps for collaboration (90 min)	Chairs: Dr. Tran Cong Thang , Director General, IPSARD Dr. Pham Kim Dang , Deputy Director General, DLP and Assoc. Prof. Dominic Smith , GAI, Griffith University
15:30	Introductory remarks from Co chairs (10 min)	Dr. Tran Cong Thang , Director General, IPSARD Assoc. Prof. Dominic Smith , GAI, Griffith University
15:30	Key messages, opportunities and recommended next steps for collaboration from key stakeholders (3-5 min each) (30 min) <i>Priorities and next steps for technical collaboration, industry, and trade in the beef cattle sector between Vietnam and Australia (G2G and B2B priorities)</i>	- Representative from DAH - Representative from NAFIQPM - Representative from NIAS - Assoc. Prof. Hoang Kim Giao , President, VinaRUHA - Mr. Ha Van Thang , President, Vietnam Agribusiness Council - Representative from Australian cattle sector - Representative from the Government of Lao PDR - Mr. Tony Harman , Counsellor (Agriculture), Australian Embassy
16:00	General stakeholder comments (20 min)	(3-5 min per comment)
16:20	Closing comments, key takeaways, call to action for future collaboration (10 min)	Dr. Tran Cong Thang , Director General, IPSARD Assoc. Prof. Dominic Smith , GAI, Griffith University Dr. Pham Kim Dang , Deputy Director General, DLP
16:30	Close	

