

CALL FOR PAPERS

VIETNAM-JAPAN FORUM 2025

"VIETNAM-JAPAN PARTNERSHIP: COLLABORATION AND DEVELOPMENT IN A CHANGING GLOBAL CONTEXT"

The Vietnam National University - University of Economics and Business (VNU-UEB) cordially invites submissions to the inaugural **Vietnam-Japan Forum 2025**, themed "***Vietnam-Japan Partnership: Collaboration and Development in a Changing Global Context***." This forum provides a distinguished platform to examine critical dimensions of the Comprehensive Strategic Partnership between Vietnam and Japan while exploring innovative pathways for deepening bilateral cooperation in an era of unprecedented global transformation.

Organized by the University of Economics and Business, Vietnam National University, Hanoi (VNU-UEB), in partnership with the Asia Future Association, this forum will convene scholars, policymakers, business leaders, and development practitioners from both nations to engage in substantive discourse on strengthening Vietnam-Japan relations across multiple domains.

Forum Date: October 3, 2025

Venue: VNU-UEB, Hanoi, Vietnam

1. BACKGROUND AND RATIONALE

The year 2025 marks a pivotal moment in Vietnam-Japan relations amid accelerating global transitions that are reshaping international cooperation. Vietnam-Japan diplomatic relations, established in 1973 and elevated to a **Comprehensive Strategic Partnership** in November 2023, represent a cornerstone of regional stability and prosperity built on mutual respect, complementary advantages, and shared vision for regional development.

This diplomatic foundation, cultivated over five decades of engagement, extends beyond traditional economic cooperation to encompass political dialogue, security coordination, and cultural exchange that foster mutual understanding and trust. Such robust diplomatic architecture provides the essential framework for addressing contemporary challenges through enhanced consultation mechanisms and coordinated responses to regional and global issues.

Vietnam's dynamic trajectory toward achieving high-income status by 2045, combined with Japan's leadership as a technological powerhouse and role as Vietnam's principal ODA provider and trading partner, creates unprecedented opportunities for enhanced collaboration. Contemporary challenges - including evolving regional value chains, innovation imperatives, human resource development, cultural dynamics, climate change, energy security, and diplomacy amid global volatility - demand innovative policy frameworks that leverage the distinctive capabilities of both nations.

Within this context, this forum serves as a vital platform for generating evidence-based policy recommendations and fostering dialogue between academic research and practical implementation, directly contributing to bilateral policy planning and development cooperation strategies. The future of Vietnam-Japan cooperation requires pioneering new collaborative models that address 21st-century challenges while preserving the trust and mutual benefit that characterize this partnership. This forum aligns with Vietnam's Socio-Economic Development Strategy 2021-2030 and Japan's vision for a "Free and Open Indo-Pacific," advancing a regional cooperation framework centered on shared prosperity and sustainable development.

2. CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS

We welcome scholarly contributions—both theoretical and empirical—that demonstrate rigorous analysis while offering actionable policy insights. Topics of interest include, but are not limited to:

I. Diplomatic relations and Strategic partnership development

- Evolution of bilateral diplomatic relations and strategic partnership frameworks
- Political dialogue mechanisms and institutional cooperation architectures
- Security cooperation, regional stability initiatives, and maritime collaboration
- Multilateral engagement and coordination in international organizations
- Track-two diplomacy and civil society exchanges
- Crisis management and conflict prevention cooperation

II. Vietnam–Japan economic partnership and Regional integration

- Bilateral trade dynamics and FTA cooperation within CPTPP, RCEP, and IPEF frameworks
- Investment strategies and innovative business models
- Supply chain cooperation, resilience building, and regional value chain restructuring
- Digital transformation in bilateral trade and industrial collaboration
- Financial cooperation and innovation ecosystems
- Enterprise partnerships and technology transfer mechanisms

III. Innovation and Competitiveness for sustainable growth

- Research and development collaboration and joint innovation initiatives
- Entrepreneurship ecosystems and startup partnerships
- Industrial transformation and emerging technology adoption
- Intellectual property frameworks and innovation governance
- Digital economy development and platform cooperation
- Urban innovation and smart city solutions

IV. Human resource development as foundation for deep integration

- Skills development programs and labor mobility frameworks
- Educational partnerships and institutional capacity building
- Language education and cross-cultural competency development
- Professional training and corporate collaboration models
- Academic networks and research cooperation initiatives
- Cross-cultural management and business practice integration

V. Cultural exchange and mutual understanding for long-term partnership

- Popular culture influence and social dynamics
- Heritage preservation and cultural cooperation programs
- Tourism development and cultural industry partnerships
- Media collaboration and content creation initiatives
- Community engagement and grassroots exchange programs
- Language policy and cultural education frameworks

VI. Cooperation in addressing global challenges

- Climate adaptation strategies and environmental technology transfer
- Energy transition and renewable development partnerships
- Disaster management and risk reduction cooperation
- Circular economy development and sustainable practice implementation
- Urban development and smart infrastructure solutions
- Food security and agricultural innovation partnerships

3. PUBLICATION OPPORTUNITIES

Selected high-quality papers will undergo additional review for publication in a specialized edited volume, with expected publication in December 2025.

4. SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

- **Language:** English
- **Length:** Maximum 5,000 words (including references, tables, and appendices)
- **File Naming:** Please name your submission file as: *VJF2025_Lastname_Firstname_ShortTitle.docx*
- **Structure:**
 - Abstract: 250-300 words
 - Keywords: 4-6 terms
 - Main sections: Introduction, Literature Review, Methodology (if applicable), Analysis/Results, Conclusion, References
- **Citation Style:** APA 7th edition
- **Review Process:** Double-blind peer review

- **Submission Portal:** <https://forms.gle/veA3XLCfeW4BRW4G6>

5. IMPORTANT TIMELINE

Milestone	Deadline
Paper Submission	15 September, 2025
Review Notification	20 September, 2025
Revised Paper Submission	25 September, 2025
Registration Deadline	27 September, 2025
Forum Date	3 October, 2025

6. PARTICIPATION FEE

This forum is offered **free of charge** to all participants and authors.

7. CONTACT INFORMATION

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Abstract

A single paragraph of about **300 words maximum**. We strongly encourage authors to use the following style of structured abstracts, but without headings: (1) *Background*: Place the question addressed in a broad context and highlight the purpose of the study; (2) *Methods*: briefly describe the main methods or treatments applied; (3) *Results*: summarize the article's main findings; (4) *Conclusions*: indicate the main conclusions or interpretations.

Keywords: Please include 4-5 appropriate keywords. They should be in an alphabetical order and be separated by commas.

1. Introduction

The purpose of the introduction is to arouse the reader's attention and provide a general overview of the paper.

2. Literature Review

A literature review is a survey of scholarly sources (such as books, journal articles, and theses) related to a specific topic or research question. It is often written as part of a thesis, dissertation, or research paper, in order to situate your work in relation to existing knowledge.

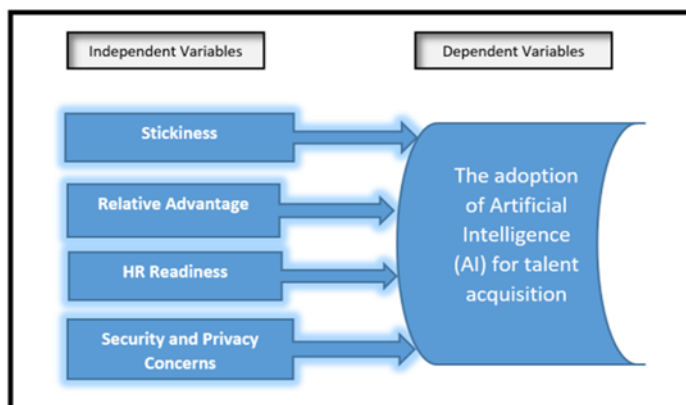


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3. Methodology

This section describes the methodology of the study. It may include sub-sections such as participants, research instruments, data collection, and data analysis.

4. Results

This section should be organized in order to answer each of your research questions

Table 1: Font size and format of the full paper (Source)

No.	Content	Notes
1.	The full paper should be 6000 words maximum including references and appendix	
2.	Please use 12-point Times New Roman font and single line spacing for the whole document.	
3.	Paragraphs must be justified (fully aligned).	

5. Discussion and Conclusion

The conclusion is the final, overall summary of the entire paper. The conclusions should generally be listed in the order of 1), 2), 3), ..., or structured as paragraphs.

This section should completely, accurately, and concisely point out the principles and their generalizability revealed by the results of the investigations or experiments on the research subjects; whether there are any exceptions found in the research or problems that are difficult to explain and solve in the paper; the similarities and differences to other research work (including to that of the authors themselves); the theoretical and practical significance and the value of the paper

6. Limitations and Further Study

No study covers all aspects of a research problem. The author(s) should therefore discuss the limitations or gaps in the study. The future scope or plan of the study should also be identified.

7. References

For citations, please follow an APA style.

1. Timothy, D. J., & Nyaupane, G. P. (Eds.). (2009). *Cultural Heritage and Tourism in the Developing World: A Regional Perspective*. Routledge. <https://doi.org/10.4324/9780203877753>.
2. Tran, N. D., & Bui, H. T. (2023). Tourist satisfaction with heritage site services: A case study of the Temple of Literature in Hanoi. *Malaysian Journal of Social Sciences and Humanities*, 8(3), 151–160. <https://malque.pub/ojs/index.php/msj/article/view/2182>