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**VINACAPITAL AND RMIT VIETNAM
ANNOUNCE PRESTIGIOUS INTERNATIONAL TERM PROFESSORSHIP**

HO CHI MINH CITY, 28 March 2017 – VinaCapital and RMIT Vietnam are proud to announce the establishment of a four-year term professorship to recruit an outstanding international academic talent to conduct research in economics and the capital market in Vietnam. The official agreement between VinaCapital and RMIT Vietnam was signed earlier today and was witnessed by the Honorable Philip Dalidakis, Victoria’s Minister for Small Business, Innovation and Trade, who was visiting the university’s Ho Chi Minh City campus as part of a trip to Vietnam to promote investment in Victoria, home of RMIT’s main campus in Melbourne.

The chosen professor, who will be based at either of RMIT’s campuses in Hanoi or Ho Chi Minh City, will be expected to publish their research in academic journals and other outlets, as well as present at high-profile national and international conferences. Additionally, they will be expected to run thought leadership workshops within Vietnam.

“Vietnam is developing rapidly, and to fully understand where the country may be headed requires an expanded body of research and analysis. We are excited to play a part in bringing a world-class scholar to Vietnam to conduct groundbreaking research about Vietnam’s economy, its capital markets, and other relevant subject matters. We believe that the research produced will help give us new insights on where the economy is today and, more importantly, in the years ahead,” said Don Lam, Co-founder and CEO of VinaCapital. “RMIT is at the forefront of academic excellence in Vietnam, and we are pleased to partner with them in this valuable endeavour.”

“Term professorships enable universities to attract some of the greatest minds to their institutions. While these types of professorships are common in other parts of the world, they are less so in Vietnam. We believe this professorship will be extremely valuable, not only to VinaCapital but also our students, fellow faculty members, and the broader community as a whole,” said Professor Gael McDonald, President of RMIT Vietnam. “We appreciate VinaCapital’s support and look forward to a very productive partnership.”

Recruitment for the position will begin within the next month, following the standard RMIT Vietnam selection process, with VinaCapital participation in the selection panel. The successful applicant is expected to commence in September 2017.

About VinaCapital

Founded in 2003, VinaCapital is a leading investment and asset management firm headquartered in Vietnam, with a diversified portfolio of USD1.8 billion in assets under management. VinaCapital's expertise spans a full range of asset classes including capital markets, private equity, venture capital, real estate, and fixed income. For more information about VinaCapital, please visit www.vinacapital.com.

About RMIT Vietnam

RMIT University Vietnam is the Asian campus of Melbourne-based RMIT University. Starting with just over 30 students in 2001 in Ho Chi Minh City, and then in Hanoi in 2004, RMIT Vietnam now boasts a dynamic student body of over 6,000 in both campuses. RMIT Vietnam offers programs in the business, technology, and creative areas, and boasts an impressive range of extra-curricular activities that encourage students to break new ground in their areas of interest.

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