GE Vernova Foundation, ASSIST Asia and Electric Power University open learning labs to train next generation energy workforce

HANOI, Vietnam (11 March, 2026) – Today in Hanoi the GE Vernova Foundation and partners ASSIST Asia and Electric Power University (EPU) cut the ribbon at the new Centers of Excellence on Wind Energy at EPU. The new center is funded by the GE Vernova Foundation's RENEW Skills Development grant program, which over the past year has developed new, industry-aligned courses and outfitted five learning labs across the country, officially beginning the education and training of learners for high-demand technical careers.

Five learning labs, including two Centers of Excellence, have been established with educational partners and equipped with modern renewable energy technologies training equipment which will serve as hubs for course development, teacher capacity building and student training. The program anticipates reaching over 4,000 students and technical workers by 2027.

"The world needs energy, and to meet that demand we must accelerate the training and development of the next generation of energy leaders," said **Kristin Carvell, President, GE Vernova Foundation and Chief Communications Officer, GE Vernova**. "With today's ribbon cutting, we are doing just that here in Vietnam and advancing our broader goal of training 30,000 students and learners globally by 2030."

"The establishment of the Center of Excellence on Wind Energy reflects our commitment to delivering industry-aligned, practice-oriented education," said **Assoc. Prof. Dr. Đinh Văn Châu, President of Electric Power University**. "Through this partnership with GE Vernova Foundation and ASSIST, we are strengthening our capacity to equip students with the skills needed to support Vietnam's energy transition.

At ASSIST, our mission is to drive social improvement and sustainable transformation through capacity development," said **Aru David, Regional Director of ASSIST Asia**. "Through RENEW Skills, we are partnering with universities and colleges to empower students and technical workers with practical competencies in renewable energy, strengthening resilience and supporting Vietnam's transition toward a more sustainable and inclusive energy future."

"Skilled workforce development is a core focus of the GE Vernova Foundation, and this lab at EPU brings that commitment to life in Vietnam. Technical skills are the foundation of a strong energy workforce — and through RENEW Skills, we aim to create well-paying career opportunities for economically disadvantaged communities, while building the talent Vietnam needs for its energy transition," said **Ramesh Singaram, Board Director, GE Vernova Foundation and President & CEO, Gas Power Asia, GE Vernova.**

The RENEW Skills Development Program was launched with a $750,000 grant by the GE Vernova Foundation in November 2024, and is administered locally by ASSIST Asia. The program focuses on both the current workforce and the future generations of university and technical vocational college students, by providing access to new curricula and practical training focused on wind energy project design, operations and maintenance, grid integration, and workplace safety.

As Vietnam works to meet its 2050 Net Zero commitment, skilled workers and technicians will play a vital role in building a sustainable energy future. And because of that, and in alignment with the Just Energy Transition Partnership agreement announced in 2022, it is important to invest in new training and educational programs and drive awareness of these critical careers as Vietnam implements its Resource Mobilization Plan.

GE Vernova has a long history and strong presence in Vietnam, and just yesterday hosted an exclusive 'Energy of Change' Summit in Hanoi. The Summit convened over 400 distinguished senior representatives from government, national utilities, suppliers, and industry partners from across the energy ecosystem of Vietnam and Asia to advance Vietnam's energy transition as it moves from planning into large-

scale implementation under the Revised Power Development Plan VIII (PDP8R).

GE Vernova has over 1,100 employees in Vietnam who work closely with our customers locally and globally to support the country's economy. With a robust footprint comprised of manufacturing facilities, repair and service centers, nearly 30% of Vietnam's electricity needs are met through GE Vernova's equipment and installed solutions today.

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About Asia Society for Social Improvement and Sustainable Transformation (ASSIST Asia)
ASSIST Asia is a Pan-Asian non-profit organization founded & operating since 2003 across several Asian countries. We specialize in capacity development initiatives in our key focus areas such as Education & Skills, Health, Agriculture & rural development and Green Economy. ASSIST Vietnam has been implementing social improvement & sustainable transformation projects in Vietnam since 2007. Its goal is to empower its target groups to make them resilient to the social, economic and environmental challenges. To learn more about ASSIST, visit www.assistasia.org.

About Electric Power University (EPU)
EPU is a public university with a multi-level and multi-discipline system, operating under the management of Vietnam Ministry of Industry and Trade (MoIT) and its

main function is to provide high quality manpower at different training levels for the power sector to satisfy society’s needs. It is also one of the leading research centers for science and technology within the sector. Apart from retraining and advanced training for technical and management staff members of the power sector, the university also develops and promotes scientific research, international cooperation, transfer and deployment of new technology applications.

Guided by the philosophy of "comprehensive education, strong foundations, and sustainable future," and with the aim of becoming a leading applied university in Vietnam, we have established a comprehensive and autonomous model that integrates international education standards. Our numerous research outcomes have effectively met practical needs and contributed to the industrialization and modernization of our country; aligning with the core values of EPU, which are "Responsibility, Creativity, and Efficiency."

For further information about Electric Power University, please visitv https://epu.edu.vn/.

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