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Time	Session	Presenter
8:30 – 9:00	Registration and Refreshments	
9:00 – 9:10	Welcome and AVPI video	Ms. Chau Anh Nguyen Australian alumna (MC)
9:10–9:40	Opening Remarks: Growing Vietnam–Australia Trade and Investment Reflections on the Australia–Vietnam Comprehensive Strategic Partnership and opportunities to grow two–way trade and investment to support Vietnam’s economic growth directions.	Ms. Kate Wallace Australian Consul–General in Ho Chi Minh City Representative of the Ho Chi Minh City People’s Committee Ms. Peggy O’Neal AO Australia’s Business Champion to Vietnam, AVPI Advisory Board Member, and Chancellor, RMIT University
9:40 – 10:25	Fireside Chat with Australia’s Business Champion to Vietnam: Navigating Two-Way Opportunities A conversation on lessons learned by businesses successfully operating across Australia and Vietnam, with practical insights for companies in Vietnam seeking Australian partnerships, expansion or capital.	Ms. Peggy O’Neal AO Australia’s Business Champion to Vietnam, AVPI Advisory Board Member, and Chancellor, RMIT University (Moderator) Mr. Vinh Nguyen Managing Director, Tuan Loc Commodities Prof. Scott Thompson–Whiteside Pro Vice–Chancellor and General Director, RMIT University Vietnam Ms. Megan Benger Co–Founder and Principal Consultant, Advalogis Mr. Barrett Le CEO, Bearplus
10:25 – 10:45	Morning Tea Break	
10:45 – 10:55	Policy Outlook: Harnessing Opportunities in a Changing Geopolitical Environment Reflections on changing geopolitical dynamics and emerging opportunities for Vietnamese businesses to leverage Australian partnership or investment opportunities to accelerate growth.	Prof. Trung Nguyen Interim Deputy Dean Engagement and International, The Business School, RMIT University Vietnam



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10:55 – 11:05	 Live Poll: Identifying Investment Barriers Introducing the AVPI Investment Clearing House project and inviting participants to take part in a live poll exploring the key barriers to attracting Australian investment into Vietnam, and the interventions that could help unlock greater investment flows.	Ms. Chau Anh Nguyen Australian alumna (MC)
11:05 – 11:20	In Conversation: Tapping into Australian partners Exploring Australia-Vietnam complementarities and platforms for companies in Vietnam to engage with prospective Australian partners.	Mr. Edwin Law Executive Director, AusCham Vietnam (Moderator) Ms. Emma McDonald Senior Trade and Investment Commissioner to Vietnam and Cambodia, Austrade
11:20 – 12:00	Panel and Q&A: Unlocking Australia-Vietnam Investment and Partnership Building on the poll, this panel will explore how investment barriers can be addressed and how Vietnamese businesses can better attract Australian investors and partners.	Ms. Dominique Wiehahn AVPI Lead and Chair, AVPI Industry Reference Group (Moderator) Mr. Matthew Lourey Chairman, Alitium Mr. Huynh Cong Thang Chairman and CEO, InnoLab Asia Mr. John Ditty Managing Partner, KPMG in Vietnam
12:05 – 12:05	Closing Remarks Synthesis of key discussion themes, policy considerations and next steps.	Ms. Chau Anh Nguyen Australian alumna (MC) Forum concludes
12:05 – 13:00	Networking Lunch	
13:00	Forum concludes	





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