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## **Interview Procedures for Vietnamese Students Applying to Joint Dual - Degree Programs in China**

### **1. Introduction**

The Asia Pacific School of Business reserves the right to interpret the provisions of this program., in collaboration with partner institutions in China such as the University of Sanya, Liaoning University of Finance and Trade, Guangxi MinzuUniversity, etc., offers joint dual - degree programs. To ensure the quality of education and compliance with the requirements of the Chinese Ministry of Education, a standardized and rigorous interview process has been specifically designed for Vietnamese students applying to these programs.

### **2. Pre - interview Arrangements**

#### **2.1 Application Submission**

Vietnamese students are required to submit their applications through the Asia Pacific School of Business's designated application platform for international students in China, which is also recognized by the partner institutions. The application package should include:

- Completed application forms, which should contain personal information, educational background, and details of the intended dual - degree program.
- Academic transcripts from previous educational institutions, translated into Chinese or English. These transcripts should clearly show the courses taken, grades obtained, and the overall academic performance.
- Two letters of recommendation from teachers or professors who are familiar with the applicant's academic abilities and personal qualities.
- A personal statement in Chinese or English, elaborating on the applicant's motivation for applying to the joint dual - degree program, career aspirations, and how the program will contribute to their future development.

- A copy of a valid passport with at least six months of remaining validity.

## 2.2 Preliminary Screening

- A joint review committee composed of representatives from the Asia Pacific School of Business and the Chinese partner institutions will conduct a preliminary screening of the applications.
- The committee will assess the completeness of the application materials and the basic eligibility of the applicants. For example, they will check if the academic transcripts meet the minimum requirements for admission to the relevant programs. Applicants who do not meet the basic requirements, such as having incomplete application materials or failing to meet the minimum academic performance criteria, will be notified and excluded from the interview process.

## 3. Interview Process

### 3.1 Interview Modes

- The interview can be conducted in two modes: online video interview or on - site interview, depending on the applicant's location and circumstances.
  - **Online Video Interview:** The video conferencing platform designated by the Chinese partner institution will be used. The applicant will be notified in advance of the interview time, the link to the video conference, and the technical requirements. The platform should ensure stable connectivity, clear audio and video quality to facilitate effective communication during the interview.
  - **On - site Interview:** The on - site interview will be held at the premises of the Chinese partner institution. The applicant will be informed of the interview location, time, and any necessary pre - interview arrangements, such as registration procedures.

### 3.2 Interview Panel

- The interview panel will consist of:
  - Professors or lecturers from the relevant academic departments of the Chinese partner institution who are familiar with the joint dual - degree program curriculum. They will be responsible for assessing the applicant's academic knowledge and potential in the chosen field of study.
  - Representatives from the international student affairs office of the Chinese partner institution. They will evaluate the applicant's adaptability to the Chinese academic and cultural environment, as well as their understanding of the joint - degree program's administrative and logistical aspects.
  - In some cases, an expert from the Asia Pacific School of Business may also participate in the interview panel, especially for programs with a strong international

component, to provide an international perspective on the applicant's suitability for the program.

### 3.3 Interview Content

- **Introduction:** The applicant will be given 2 - 3 minutes to introduce themselves. This introduction should cover basic personal information, educational background, and reasons for applying to the joint dual - degree program.
- **Academic Knowledge Assessment:**
  - The panel will ask questions related to the applicant's intended major. For example, if the applicant is applying for a business - related dual - degree program, questions may include concepts in microeconomics, macroeconomics, accounting principles, etc.
  - The questions will test the applicant's understanding of fundamental knowledge in the field, their ability to apply theoretical knowledge to practical scenarios, and their analytical thinking skills.
- **Chinese Language Proficiency:**
  - Since the joint dual - degree programs are conducted in an environment where Chinese is the main language of instruction (except for some specialized English - taught courses), the applicant's Chinese language proficiency will be evaluated.
  - The panel may ask the applicant to answer questions in Chinese, have a conversation in Chinese about daily life, academic topics, or future plans in China. The evaluation will focus on the applicant's listening comprehension, speaking ability, vocabulary usage, and grammar accuracy.
- **Cultural Adaptability and Understanding:**
  - Questions will be asked to assess the applicant's understanding of Chinese culture, customs, and values. For example, the applicant may be asked about their knowledge of traditional Chinese festivals, social etiquette in China, or their views on cultural differences between Vietnam and China.
  - The panel will also evaluate the applicant's ability to adapt to a new cultural environment, as studying in China requires the applicant to integrate into a different cultural context.
- **Program - Specific Questions:**
  - The applicant will be asked about their understanding of the joint dual - degree program, including the curriculum structure, the benefits of obtaining a dual - degree, and how they plan to make the most of the resources provided by both the Asia Pacific School of Business and the Chinese partner institution.
  - They may also be asked about their career plans after completing the program and how the joint dual - degree will contribute to their career goals.

## 4. Interview Evaluation

## 4.1 Evaluation Criteria

- **Academic Performance Potential (40%):** Based on the applicant's answers to academic knowledge - related questions, their understanding of the major, and their academic achievements presented in the application materials.
- **Chinese Language Proficiency (30%):** Evaluated according to the applicant's performance in the Chinese language section of the interview, including speaking, listening, and comprehension skills.
- **Cultural Adaptability and Understanding (20%):** Judged by the applicant's responses to questions about Chinese culture and their demonstrated ability to adapt to a new cultural environment.
- **Motivation and Suitability for the Program (10%):** Assessed by the applicant's personal statement, their answers to program - specific questions, and their overall enthusiasm for the joint dual - degree program.

## 4.2 Scoring System

- Each member of the interview panel will score the applicant according to the evaluation criteria on a scale of 1 - 10 for each criterion.
- After the interview, the scores from all panel members will be aggregated. The average score for each criterion will be calculated, and then a final overall score will be obtained by weighing the average scores of each criterion according to the percentage distribution mentioned above.

## 4.3 Pass/Fail Determination

- Applicants who achieve an overall score of 60% or above will be considered as having passed the interview.
- Those who fail to reach this score will not be eligible for admission to the joint dual - degree program, but they may be provided with feedback on their performance to help them improve if they wish to apply again in the future.

## 5. Post - interview Procedures

### 5.1 Notification of Results

- The Chinese partner institution will notify the applicant of the interview results within two weeks after the interview.
- The notification will be sent via email and will clearly state whether the applicant has passed or failed the interview. If the applicant has passed, the email will also include information about the next steps in the admission process, such as the submission of additional documents, enrollment procedures, and visa application guidance.

## 5.2 Enrollment and Visa Application

- Successful applicants will be required to complete the enrollment procedures as per the instructions provided by the Chinese partner institution. This may include paying the tuition fees, submitting health certificates, and other necessary documents.
- The Chinese partner institution will assist the applicants in applying for a student visa (either X1 or X2 visa depending on the length of the program). The institution will provide the applicant with the necessary documents, such as the JW201 or JW202 form, and guide them through the visa application process at the Chinese embassy or consulate in Vietnam.

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