



Hawai'i Natural Energy Institute Research Highlights

International Support

Saigon Energy Hub (SEHub) Support

OBJECTIVE AND SIGNIFICANCE: The purpose of the Saigon Energy Hub (SEHub) project is to install an offline and online platform to promote renewable energy (RE) and energy efficiency (EE) in Ho Chi Minh City by hosting a series of public energy-educational forums to raise community awareness as well as strengthen the role of social media in the engagement of policy makers and the private sector.

This project will comprise two phases: a planning, design, and construction phase for development of the workshop platform and an implementation phase where contractors shall present ten (10) publicly accessible energy-related workshops through the workshop platforms.

BACKGROUND: Among the objectives of the Hawai'i Natural Energy Institute is to develop partnerships with national, regional, or local jurisdictions, private and public stakeholders, including universities and other research organizations in the Asia Pacific region, to enhance the reliability, stability, and resilience of the energy systems.

Under an agreement with the Office of Naval Research, HNEI is supporting Ho Chi Minh City's local non-governmental organization, the Center for Regional and Urban Studies (CRUS) to design and implement the SEHub, a virtual, publicly accessible, education platform offering energy-related forums to the community.

PROJECT STATUS/RESULTS: The SEHub began in 2022 as a conceptual project with CRUS, defining project benefits and financial requirements in order to develop a project prospectus for future collaborative partners, including developers, financial entities, and the local government.

CRUS is currently in the process of outfitting two meeting spaces in the The Ho Chi Minh City Union of Science and Technology Associations (HCM-USTA) Building with the equipment and technologies to present both online and offline workshops.



Figure 1. HCM-USTA Building, Ho Chi Minh City.

The workshop series will consist of ten (10) live and online energy-related workshops. CRUS will develop and present for approval the ten course topics, the course descriptions, length, and structure, timelines, target audience, anticipated participants, methods for outreach and marketing, and methods to deliver online and record workshops to make them publicly available in the future.

The project is currently in development and will continue through December 2024.

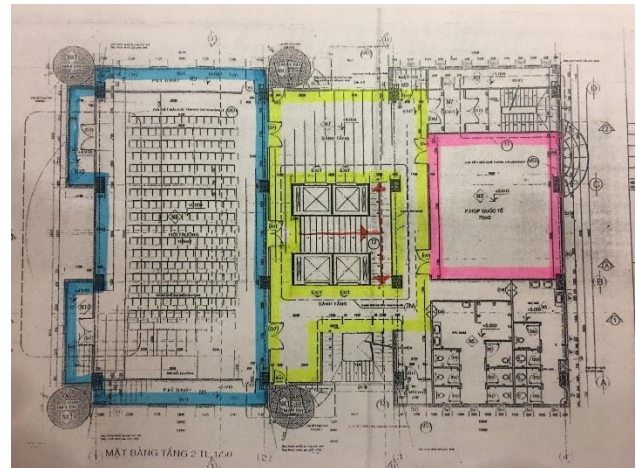


Figure 2. Conference room layout of the HCM-USTA Building.

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