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Vietnamese Partnership Seeks Student Exchange, University Model

Delegates from the Vietnamese province of Hung Yen visited Jackson State University on Tuesday, June 26 with hopes of taking back a few ideas for building a university and possibly creating an exchange program for JSU and Vietnamese students.

Nguyen Van Cuong, governor of Hung Yen, spent a portion of the evening on the JSU campus with President Ronald Mason Jr. and other JSU officials learning about the university's history, future plans, organizational structure and possible admittance of Vietnamese students.

"The goal is to develop an American standard university in Vietnam," said James Le Quynh, who served as one of the group's interpreters. "They want to learn about the teaching techniques and accreditation."

Dr. Ally Mack, dean of the Division of International Studies international programs, says the visit enables both parties to explore possible collaborations.

"It is our vision that as we work toward enhancing educational opportunities for students, we will also develop a greater appreciation for each other's culture and people," she says. "To that end, we are optimistic that through this impending partnership, limitless educational and professional exchanges will ensue."

Mason was open to the possibilities of the new relationship. "We're always looking for international friends," he says.

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Nguyen Van Cuong, governor of Hung Yen Province in Vietnam, is pictured in this Clarion Ledger photo as he arrives in Jackson, Miss.

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