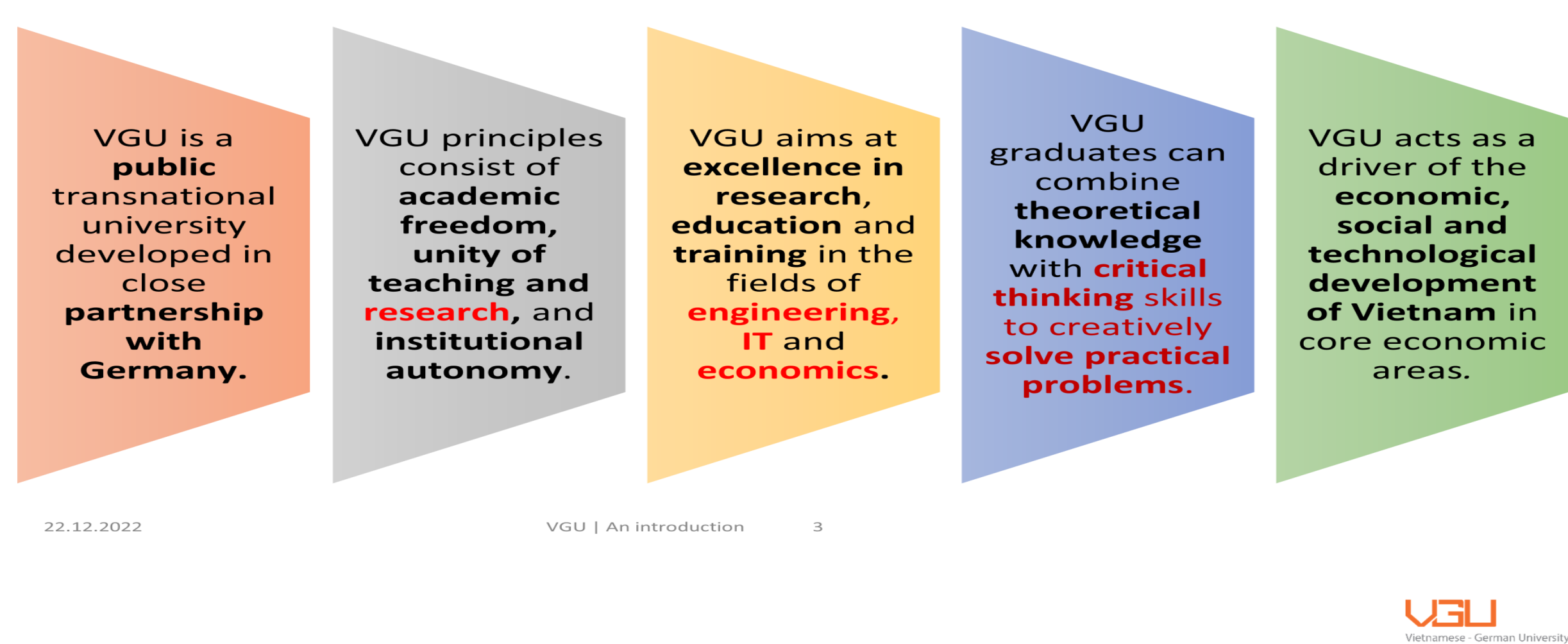


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VGU Mission, Vision & Core Values

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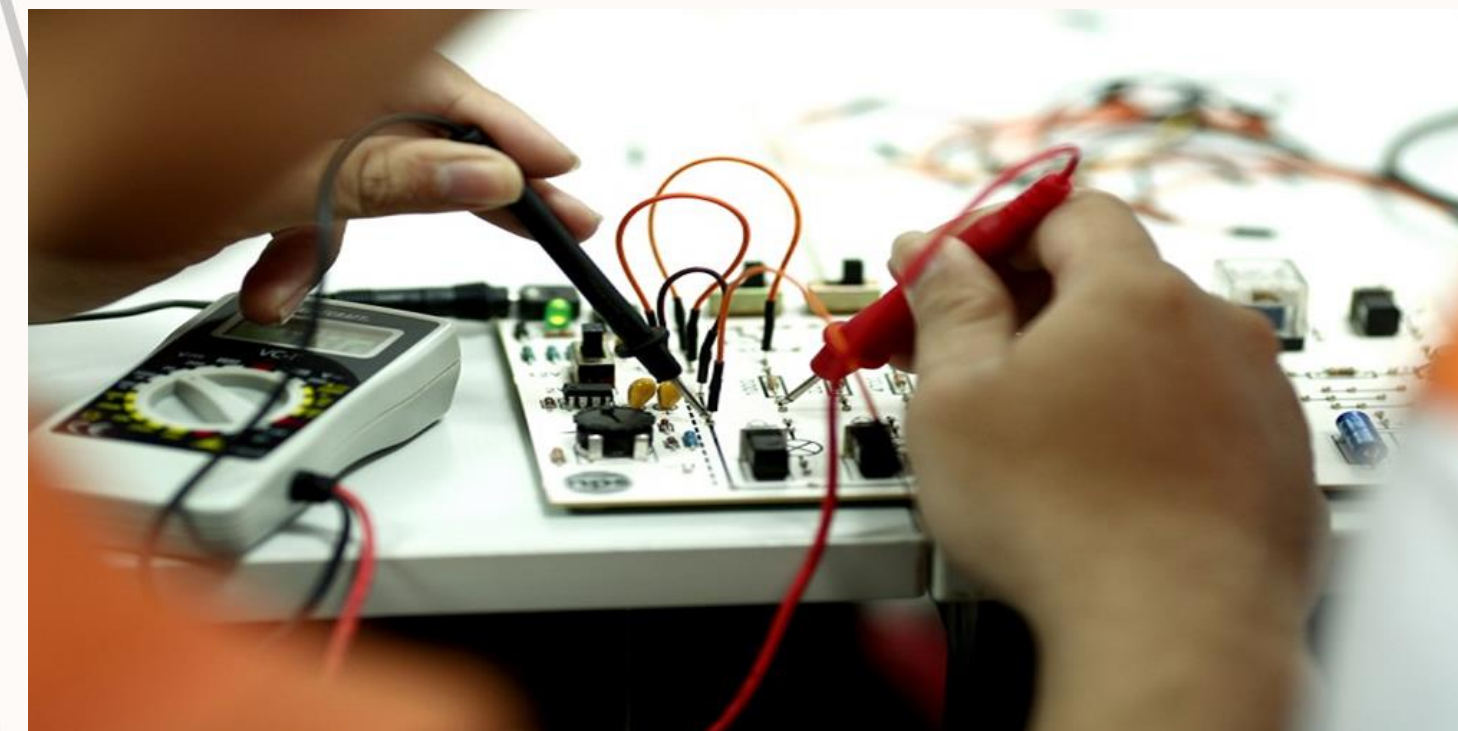


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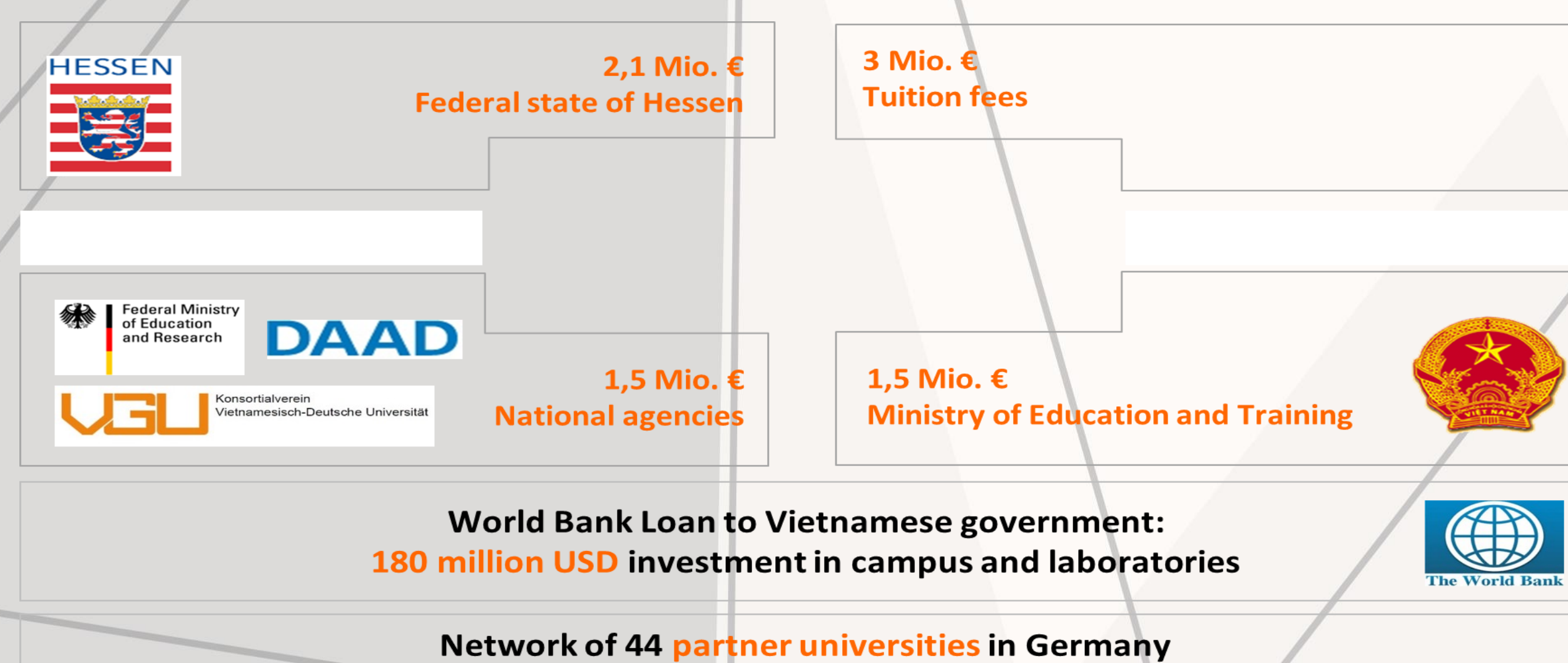
- VGU aims to become a leading research university in South East Asia and to be the first choice of students, lecturers and scientists in the fields of engineering, information technology, business and economics in Viet Nam.

Core Values

- International cooperation and **mutual respect**
- Commitment to high quality
- Entrepreneurial thinking**
- Responsibility for others and future generations
- Creative Learning**
- Service orientation instead of authoritarian attitude**
- Honesty and transparency



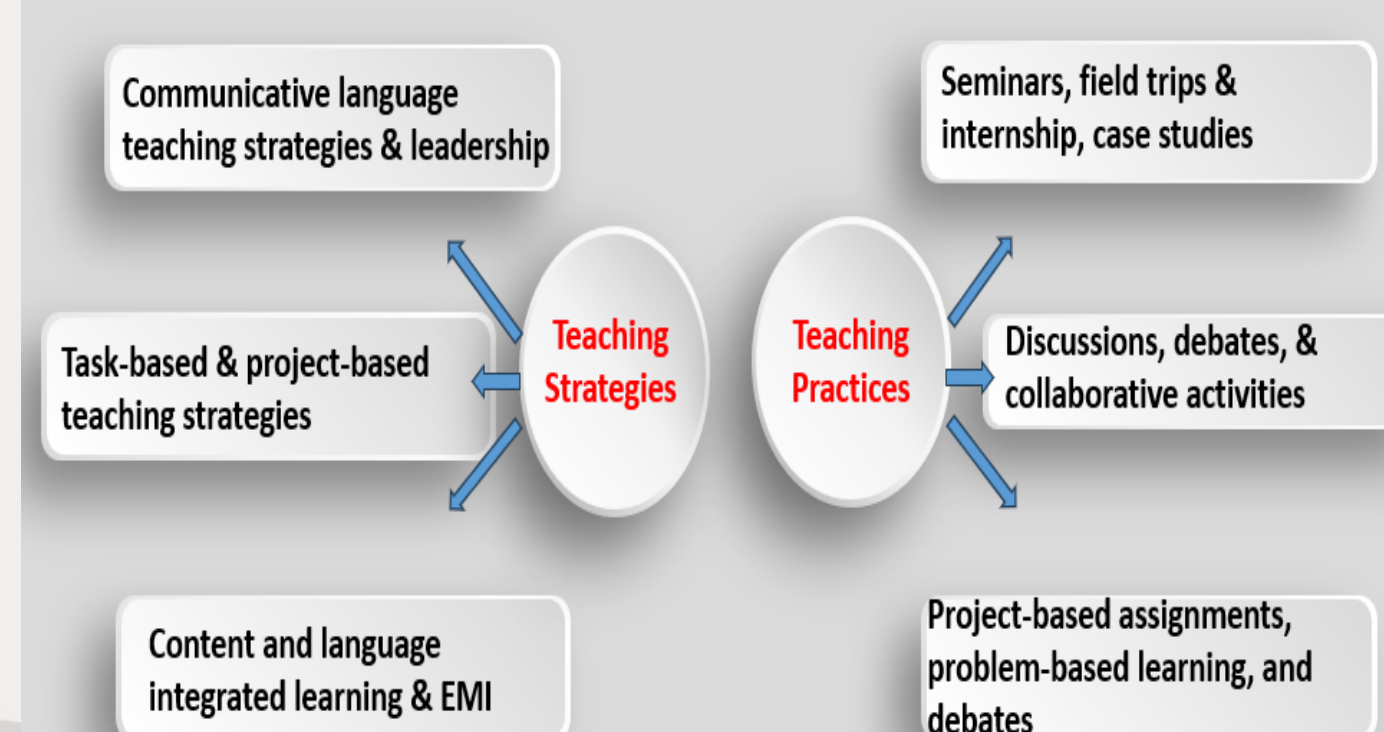
Stakeholder Structure and Contributions



Core Teaching Strategies & Practices



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Teaching Practices to Enhance Student Employability

Multi-cultural teaching and learning environment:

- Instructors' nationalities:** Vietnamese, German, British, American, Austrian, Filipino
- International students:** Germany, Myanmar, the Philippines, Indonesia, Russia, Kenya, Morocco, India, Nigeria, Sudan, Cameroon, Ghana, Turkmenistan
- Language used in campus:** English



Teamwork and collaboration

- Applied in almost all courses
- Students work in groups for their assignments and projects

Complex problem-solving

- Research at university level
- Competition in the specialized field at the national level

Project-based & problem-based teaching and learning to enhance:

- critical thinking
- analytical thinking
- creativity
- teamwork & collaboration
- time management
- problem-solving
- communication

Practice-based learning

- Lab work is included in curriculums
- Modern facilities and equipment
- Encourage and fund student research projects (at the university level)
- Field trips (visiting factories, businesses and industries)

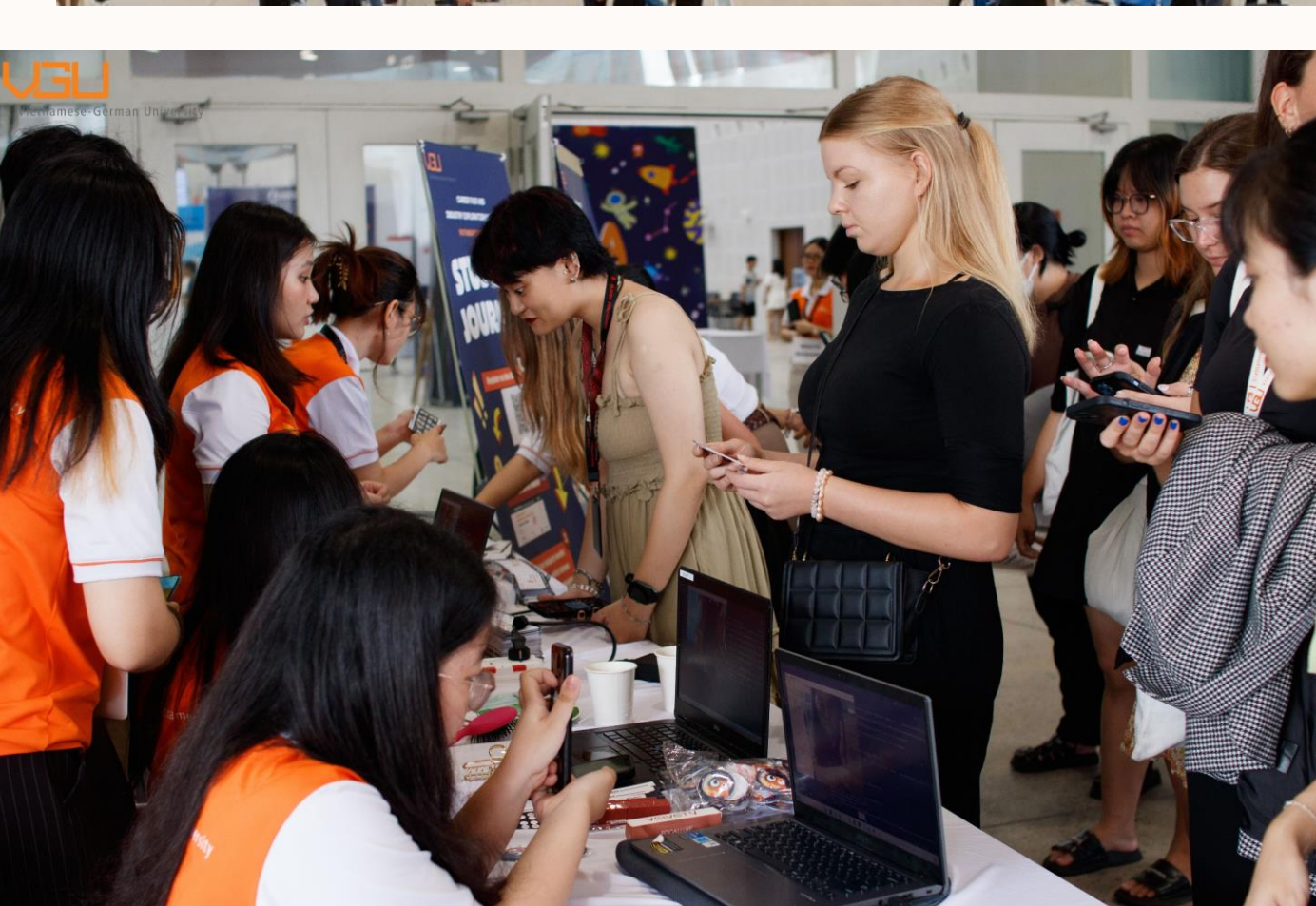
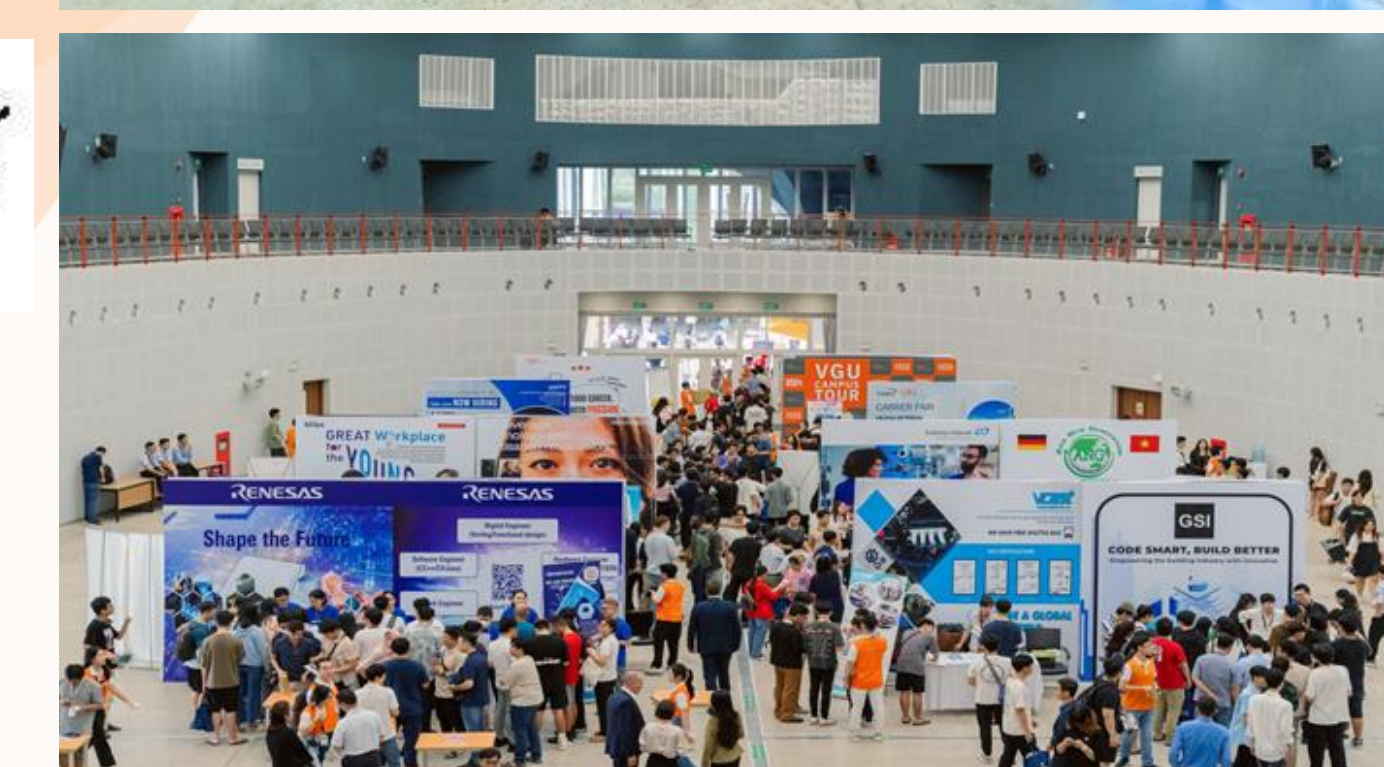
International cooperation in education and research

- International student exchange programs** with Germany, Poland, Brazil, South Africa, etc.
- Students' thesis completion at 19 partner universities in Germany
- Collaboration with German partner universities to implement students' and lecturers' research and other academic activities

Industrial Relations

International Industries and businesses

- Provide students with internships
- Train students in their field site visits
- Participate in the annual career fair
- Come to VGU to offer students some lessons



Conclusion

To boost student employability, VGU has

- Applied student-centered and active teaching and learning methods
- Made use of its bilateral relationships with German universities to
 - Carry out student exchange programs
 - Implement student and lecturer research activities
 - Enable students to complete their theses at partner universities in Germany
- Strengthened partnerships with international industries and businesses operating in Viet Nam.

