



When Dutch and Belgium parents decide to live abroad for an extended period they often take their children with them. Many parents would like their children to continue to receive a Dutch education during this time. There are currently more than 220 Dutch schools and educational facilities worldwide, which were set up by Dutch/Flemish parents, or Dutch companies and organisations.

Below is a brief summary of the *Dutch Language and Culture* program in Hanoi:

NTC De Blauwe Lotus, a charitable entity, registered in the Netherlands provides education in Dutch/Flemish language and culture at primary and secondary level as an extracurricular activity. The school is recognised by the Dutch Inspectorate and receives subsidy from the Dutch Government through the Stichting NOB. The school works in accordance with the policies and principles laid down in the 'Schoolplan' and 'Schoolgids', which are approved by the Inspectorate. The last school inspection by the inspectorate took place in April 2008.

The goal of NTC-education is that children returning to the Netherlands or Belgium will be able to reintegrate into that country's educational system at their age group level.

The school is open to all Dutch and Flemish-speaking children. In primary education, children should be between the ages of 4 and 14. In secondary education, this is between the ages of 12 and 18. Following the Dutch curriculum for Dutch language and Culture we teach 120 hours to each group. These lessons are given after school at the premises of the United Nations International School of Hanoi from 15.30- 18.15 p.m.

This school year (2011-2012) de Blauwe Lotus began the year with 49 students and two qualified teachers.

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