

ASEAN Economic Community: Opportunities and challenges for the financial market of Vietnam

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ASEAN Economic Community (AEC) is one of the three pillars of the ASEAN Community (AC). The goals of AEC include free trade, free investment and free funding circulation, aiming at integration of financial markets. In late 2015, AEC was established, causing direct impacts on financial markets of ASEAN member countries, including Vietnam. The paper analyzes opportunities and challenges as well as makes some recommendation for development of Vietnam's financial market in the current context of the AEC.

Key words: ASEAN Economic Community; opportunities; challenges; financial market.

Supporting policy for the poor to access basic social services in Vietnam

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The paper analyzes the policy to assist the poor in accessing basic social services and its impact on poverty reduction in Vietnam. According to the author, at present poverty reduction not only means income increase, but it also means improvement of opportunities to access social services (education, medical conditions, healthcare) and supporting resources for poverty reduction, such as credit, land, sciences and technology, of which social service access is the most important to help the poor get qualitative improvement in order to escape from poverty on their own). When the poor have good qualifications and health as well as favorable living conditions, they can adapt themselves with competitive labor markets, getting a suitable job with a good income. Justice in distribution of input resources, therefore, will result in justice in distribution of outputs such as wage, salary and will reduce the income inequality between social groups.

Key words: Policy; social service; the poor; Vietnam.

Restructuring of the State-owned enterprises in Vietnam

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Abstract: State-owned enterprises play an important role as a foundation for national socio-economic development. In Doi moi, the Party and the Government have promulgated

a lot of resolutions and mechanism, aiming at building legal grounds so that State-owned enterprises can accelerate their renovation, improve their effectiveness, and keep their key role in economic development. The paper analyzes the actual status of the State-owned enterprise restructuring in Vietnam, based on which the author makes some recommendations to strengthen the re-arrangement, renovation and increase the effectiveness of State-owned enterprises.

Key words: State-owned enterprise; state-owned enterprise restructuring; Vietnam.

Characteristics of the Vietnamese philosophical ideas in the first half of the 19th Century

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Abstract: The evolution of Vietnamese philosophical ideas in the first half of the 19th Century aimed at meeting the need of an orthodox ideology that would address spiritually social life to building, protection and consolidation of the feudal state of centralism in the Nguyen Dynasties. Confucianism was selected and developed to satisfy this need. The paper analyzes major characteristics of Vietnamese philosophical ideas in the first half of the 19th Century, in order to elucidate some differences of Vietnamese philosophical ideas between this period and other periods, based on which some issues are raised for further research on Vietnamese philosophical thoughts.

Key words: Thought; philosophy; Confucianism; harmony; nationalism.

Philosophy of human life by Mahayana Zen at the Ly – Tran Dynasties

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In the national history, Buddhism is one of the ideologies that cause deep and wide influence on many aspects of social life. Particularly, the influence can be seen very obviously at the time of Ly – Tran Dynasties. There were many different schools of Buddhism at the Ly – Tran Dynasties, but after a period of time there was only Zen (specifically Mahayana Zen) left. It then developed and became an independent school. The Zen's philosophy of human life was more and more loved and supported by the Court and then it spread widely in society, influencing deeply social life at that time. In addition, it created a foundation for success in political and thinking fields, causing positive impacts on the national military power – the most important base for glorious victories at the time of Ly – Tran Dynasties. The paper describes the philosophy of human life by Mahayana Zen and its power at the time of Ly – Tran Dynasties.

Key words: Buddhism; outlook on life; Mahayana Zen; Ly – Tran Dynasty.

Cross-border marriage in mountainous provinces of Vietnam at present

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The paper gives an interpretation about the phenomenon of cross-border marriage from the perspective of ethnic culture and its impacts on social development management (the case study is carried out in the boundary areas between Vietnam and China and between Vietnam and Laos. Cross-border marriage is relatively common in the boundary areas, especially in the densely populated ones nearby the border. Ethnic culture is maintained and shown clearly via marriages and family relationships. It, therefore, makes the marriages less influenced by the cross-border and national factors. In the current context of globalization and development, however, cross-border marriage results in new problems relating to social development management, especially in the border areas.

Key words: Cross-border marriage; culture; social development; ethnic.

The viewpoint of the Chinese Communist Party on religion in socialism

Pham Thanh Hang

Abstract: The viewpoint on “encouraging actively religions to adapt to socialism” is one of the most significant theories on religion in socialism, which has ever achieved by the Communist Party of China since the national foundation in 1949. The paper analyzes theoretical and practical grounds as well as the content and principled requirements of this viewpoint.

Key words: Communist Party of China; religion; socialism.

Influence of Sun Yat-sen and Three Principles of the People on Ho Chi Minh

Le Thi Tinh

The paper analyzes influence by Sun Yat-sen and the Three Principles of the People on Ho Chi Minh. According to the author, Ho Chi Minh highly appreciated the revolutionary features of the Three Principles of the People and the very Sun Yat-sen. He creatively acquired advanced points of the Three Principles of the People to be applied in the revolutionary practice in Vietnam. He studied revolutionary methods of Sun Yat-sen,

especially the method on applying Confucian ethical principles in carrying out propaganda and education of the revolutionary spirit for people.

Key words: Ho Chi Minh's thought; Three Principles of the People; Sun Yat-sen.

Actual status and impacts of land-use on ethnic relations in the Central Highlands at present

Tran Hong Hanh

The paper describes the actual status of land-use in the Central Highlands and its impacts on ethnic relations in the region. Although the Government has paid special attention to the Central Highlands, there are still a lot of shortcomings involved with land-use and land management. It is rather common that people lack land for cultivation and this problem hasn't been solved thoroughly yet, especially in communities of ethnic groups. The co-habitation of different ethnic groups in the same area and the enforcement of land-use policy as well as other ethnic policies that are different between ethnic groups and different between farms and local people have caused both positive and negative impacts on development and stability, remarkably on the sustainability in utilizing land resources and great national unity, in the Central Highlands.

Key words: Land; ethnic group; national; ethnic relations; national unity; Central Highlands.

Family relationships and sailing activities of sampaniers in Quang Ninh

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Abstract: The local government in Quang Ninh Province is now carrying out a project that encourages local sampaniers to settle down in land. It aims at improving their living quality, while cultural traditions are still maintained and environment is also protected for Ha Long bay - a World natural heritage, owing to the tourist-based socio-economic development. The paper describes typical cultural values expressed in family and community relationships of local people in the area of the hydroelectric plant in Quang Ninh Province and impacts caused by changes in the living environment.

Key words: Family relationship; kinships; people in the area of the hydroelectric plant; Ha Long Bay.

Channels for impact of the Chinese cultural soft power in some East-Asian countries

Pham Hong Thai

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Abstract: In carrying out cultural soft power, China has combined cultural diplomacy with communication as two major channels to cause impacts, in order to make changes in the balance of power between countries. There is, however, always a gap between the strategic goals and the practical results. To make an objective assessment of the impacts caused by the Chinese cultural soft power on East Asia, therefore, the paper present a study of the two channels that China has applied in recent years, particularly at the time that China started to show a hard attitude towards neighboring countries in East Asia.

Key words: China; East Asia; cultural soft power; cultural diplomacy; influential channel.

New religious phenomena in Vietnam at present

Bui Thi Thuy

The paper analyzes cause for emergence of new religions in Vietnam for recent years. According to the author, following are the main reasons: the dark side of market economy; political and economic instabilities; social stratification; economic difficulties; negative impacts of scientific – technical development; and the tendency of globalization. The author also describes the role of new religions in providing people with spiritual support.

Key words: Religion; new religion; new religious phenomenon.

Cao Ba Quat's progressive view in his Chinese-language poems

Nguyen Thi Tinh

Cao Ba Quat was a well-known poet in Vietnam in the first half of the 19th Century. He applied bold innovations in his poems, such as: new rhythms, monologue combination, concise and polysemous words etc. His poems addressed contemporary social issues. Many different topics can be found in his poems. Every topic carries diversified implications, such as: aspiration of the youth, devotion to society, friendship, love between teachers and students, individual liberation etc... The paper mentions aspects of human and Western civilization shown in the colonial country and advanced thinking of Cao Ba Quat expressed in his Chinese language poems.

Key words: Cao Ba Quat; Chinese-language poetry; the West; civilization.

