

BOOKS IN SOCIAL SCIENCES LIBRARY REVIEW

DR. NGUYỄN THÁI HỢP (Ed.). **Justice and peace in the East Sea.** H.: Writers association publishing house, 2014, 359 pages, Vv 12540.

In order to raise awareness in history - society, especially of young people, to participate in research to affirm the sovereignty of Vietnam over the Paracels - Spratlys while find the most feasible and effective solutions to protect the independence, sovereignty and territorial integrity of Vietnam, the book is a collection of research articles by many scholars such as Nguyễn Đình Đầu, Hồ Sĩ Quý, Đinh Kim Phúc, Phạm Hoàng Quân, Đinh Hoàng Thắng, Hoàng Việt, Tạ Văn Tài, Lê Trung Tĩnh, Lê Vĩnh Trường... discussing 3 areas: geography, history, legal and international relationships.

The book consists of 8 key issues:

Part I: History of Southward journey and the East Sea.

Part II: Process of occupying and exercising sovereignty of Vietnam over Paracels and Spratlys - Factual, uninterrupted, peaceful and transparent.

Part III: Objecting opinions of some Chinese scholars on the East Sea.

Part IV: Analysis of the East Sea - related resources in China history and local chronicles.

Part V: The East Sea in contemporary international relations.

Part VI: Disputes over the East Sea and some related international legal issues.

Part VII: Historical evidence and legal aspects of sovereignty of Vietnam over Paracels, Spratlys and sovereignty rights in the waters surrounding. Prospects for peaceful settlement of disputes and possible settlement with other countries by negotiation, conciliation or arbitration.

Part VIII: Sino-China and economical - political impacts.

TRẦN AN

INSTITUTE OF PUBLIC POLICY AND LAW, INSTITUTE OF STATE AND LAW. **Some theoretical and practical issues on direct democracy, grassroots democracy in the world and in Vietnam.** H.: National university, 2014, 328 pages, Vv 12474.

Direct democracy and grassroots democracy are two forms of democracy which have been in Vietnam for long time and recently been promoted actively by the Communist Party and the State of Vietnam. The forms of democracy have gradually been strengthened and improved. The progress in implementation of direct democracy and representative democracy has been able to penetrate

extensively into all classes of people and regions of the country, creating new contagious models. However, in relations to direct democracy, grassroots democracy still has many unclarified theoretical and practical aspects.

The book is a collection of speeches conference held by Institute of Public Policy and Law in collaboration with Institute of State and Law in Hanoi in March 2014. Contents of the book contribute to unravel the theoretical and practical aspects of direct democracy, grassroots democracy; implementation models of direct democracy, grassroots democracy in the world and in Vietnam. In particular, the first direct democracy of humankind - Athenian democracy - has been discussed by the author under many different perspectives. At the same time, the articles also offers perspectives, solutions to complete the legal framework and mechanism to ensure and promote direct democracy, grassroots democracy in Vietnam in the coming time.

HOÀI PHÚC

NGUYỄN VĂN KHANG. **Language policy and legislaive in Vietnam**. H.: Social sciences publishing house, 2014, 564 pages, Vv 12568.

The book is written on the basis of 2 Ministry-level projects chaired by the author in the period 2009-2012 and materials collected by colleagues. The book consists of 2 parts.

Part 1 present *the language policy of the Party and the State of Vietnam* with 6 chapters. Chapter 1 is theoretical issues of language policy, presenting concepts, the basis of establishing language policy, the relationship between language policy and language legislative... Chapter 2 presents language policies of other countries in the world such as language policy model (covert language policy, overt language policy...); the trend of globalization and integration... Chapte 3, 4, 5 presents language policy of the Communist Party and the State of Vietnam by historical development (periods from establishment of the Party to 1954, from 1954 to 1975 and from 1975 to now). Chapter 6 presents social - linguistic factors affecting situation of language in Vietnam. On that basis, it proposes a number of provisions on language policy of Vietnam in new period.

Party 2 presents *language legislative in Vietnam* through 5 chapters, with focus on clarifying: the general issues of language legislative and Languages Act (chapter 7); experience of developing Languages Act of other countries in the world: case studies (chapter 8); basis for developing Languages Act in Vietnam (chapter 9); direction for developing Languages Act in Vietnam (chapter 10); Features of Vietnamese language in the legal text (chapter 11).

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HỒ SĨ QUÝ. **Some Issues of Democracy, Dictatorship and Development.** H.: Political theory publishing house, 2014, 274 pages, Vv 12465.

Democracy, dictatorship and development as well as their relationships are a fundamental hot topics on both academic and political levels. Perspectives on each issue and the combination of these issues depend first and foremost on the political perspectives, the volume of information, knowledge and the rules of historical circumstances. The book talks the mentioned issues as reality of the recent past and of those contemporary years, the book itself catches the attention of experts and readers in general ... Through processing of a huge material volume, the author analyzes, collates, reviews the connotation and relationships amongst these issues ... to go to conclusions which worth to refer to and reflect further. The book consists of 3 chapters.

Chapter 1 - *Democracy, dictatorship and development: Some theoretical issues*, introducing the concepts of democracy, the democracy, dictatorial indexes, main dictatorial forms...

Chapter 2 - *Democracy, dictatorship and development in some countries and regions*, generalizing about democracy, dictatorship and development in the USSR in Stalin era, South Korea, Taiwan, some Southeast Asian countries and Latin America.

Chapter 3 - *Democracy, dictatorship and development: Some practical issues*, delving into issues which have been emerging from the reality of democracy and dictatorship in the mentioned countries; on that basis, providing some suggestions for the development of democracy in the countries following.

HOÀI PHÚC

ASSOC. PROF., DR. NGUYỄN NGỌC HÒA (Ed.). **The changes of traditional social values of ethnic minorities in the Central Highlands today.** H.: National political publishing house, 2014, 183 pages, Vb 51703.

The history of Central Highlands has formed a fairly massive system of traditional social values. However, under the influence of multiple factors, the traditional social values of the Central Highlands have been profoundly changed. In addition, there is the emergence of new values and tendency to acquire new values in communities of ethnic minorities, making an different overall in the structure of the common tradition.

The book consists of 3 chapters.

Chapter 1 generalizes traditional social values, clarifies the role of traditional social values in social life while refers to changing tendency and development of traditional social values during exchanges and integration.

Chapter 2 analyzes the change of traditional social values of ethnic minorities in the Central Highlands.

Chapter 3 forecasts tendency of mobilization and change of traditional social values of ethnic minorities in the Central Highlands, offering fundamental viewpoint for orientation and specific solutions to inherit and promote the traditional social values of ethnic minorities here.

LÊ HỮU

ASSOC. PROF. and DR. PHẠM VĂN LINH (Ed.). **Basic, comprehensive renewal of education in Vietnam: Opportunities, challenges and issues.** H.: National political publishing house, 2014, 611 pages, Vb 51705.

After nearly 30 years of implementation of national renewal policy under the leadership of the Communist Party of Vietnam, the education and training of Vietnam have made important achievements, contributing greatly to the national development and defense. However, besides the achievements, education and training still have many weaknesses and shortcomings.

The book is a collection of articles, studies on the opportunities and challenges faced by education - training of Vietnam. On that basis, the authors also proposes a number of options for renewal the views, perceptions about education - training in general and about specific sectors in particular.

The book is presented in 4 parts:

Part 1: *Some general issues*

Part 2: *The issues of renewing general education*

Part 3: *The issues of renewing vocational education*

Part 4: *The issues of renewing higher education*

HOÀI PHÚC

TRẦN ĐỨC ANH SƠN (Ed.). **Paracels - Spratlys: Documentary and viewpoints of international scholars.** H.: Writers association publishing house, 2014, 315 pages, Vv 12541.

The book gathers scientific information and data to reflect the recent works of the Vietnamese people who, despite living in the country or residing overseas and despite working in various fields, are enthusiastic to contribute to strengthening the historical and legal foundations related to the sovereignty of Vietnam over the The East Sea in general and over both Paracels and Spratlys in particular. It is a very practical work in the context of emerging insecurity due to China's ambition to "rise" on the The East Sea which the world is witnessing.

The book consists of two major parts: Foreign documents on sovereignty of Vietnam over the Paracels - Spratlys (part 1); and Sovereignty of Vietnam over the Paracels - Spratlys and solutions to resolve the sovereignty

dispute (part 2). In addition to collect evidence in the past, from atlas, the bibliography pages of different genres in both domestic and abroad, along with the articles of historian researchers in the country, the book also brings together all the voices of international friends who are scholars respecting the history, right and responsible for the peace and development of the The East Sea as well as for international law.

End of the book is the appendix with the article “Following the proof of sovereignty over the Paracels - Spratlys” (Trần Đức Anh Sơn).

TRẦN AN

NGUYỄN VĂN KẾT (Ed.). **Sovereignty of Vietnam over the Paracels and Spratlys: The power from archives.** H.: Information and communications publishing house, 2015, 418 pages, Vv 12644.

The book is a collection of articles published in 02 topics in *Vietnam Documents - Archives Journal* from 2012 to present with two main topics, including: the power from archives, the historical basis proving the sovereignty of Vietnam over Paracels and Spratlys; and Records of sovereignty of Vietnam over Paracels and Spratlys under historical and legal perspectives.

The book gives readers an understanding of the historical, legal values of archives for sovereignty of Vietnam over Paracels and Spratlys from the material research, archives of

Vietnamese feudal dynasties, especially the European version - administrative documents of Nguyen dynasty; archives under the French, the Republic of Vietnam, the ancient atlas of the West, China, ... In addition, the book also emphasizes the role of archives, the contributions of the French press in Indochina in asserting sovereignty of Vietnam over the Paracels ...

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ĐINH TUẤN MINH, PHẠM THẾ ANH (Ed.). **Report on Developing Vietnam's market economy in 2014.** H.: Intellectual publishing house, 2015, 552 pages, Vv 12650.

Report on Developing Vietnam's market economy in 2014 is done by the expert groups of the Central Institute of Economic Management (CIEM), Vietnam Institute of Economics (VIE), Vietnam Chamber of Commerce and Industry (VCCI) and the Vietnam Centre for Economic and Policy Research (University of Economics - Vietnam National University (VEPR)). The report covers and evaluates process of transition to market economy in Vietnam in the past 30 years.

The report consists of 10 chapters.

Chapter 1 identifies the characteristics of the market economy, gives the criteria to assess the level of market development in the economies, from which reassesses the development of

market economy in Vietnam in relations with other countries in the region.

Chapter 2 analyzes the factors of economic - legal system of Vietnam to provide comprehensive picture of development progress of this system towards market-friendly; assesses the strengths and weaknesses; then proposes the issues to be adjusted to make Vietnam's legal system to suit the development of market economy.

Chapter 3 analyzes, assesses the effectiveness of Vietnamese governance apparatus towards supporting market development.

Chapter 4 analyzes and assesses Vietnamese market-oriented fiscal and monetary system towards the market.

Chapter 5 examines the formation and development of Vietnamese enterprise systems towards market in the process of economic reform.

Chapters 6, 7, 8 indicate the evaluation criteria for development and liberalization of Vietnamese labor, capital and land markets.

Chapter 9 analyzes and assesses the development of Vietnamese international trade system towards liberalization.

Chapter 10 gives the trend of policy for Vietnamese market economy development.

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