

BOOKS IN SOCIAL SCIENCES LIBRARY REVIEW

JEFFREY A. BADER (2015), **Obama and China's rise** (Reference book), National Politics Publishing House, Hanoi, 332 p.

The book essentially is a memoir of the author Jeffrey A. Bader who was a veteran advisor of United State Department of State, the former Senior Director of the United State National Security Council. In his own sharp and special viewpoint, on the behalf of the policy advisor for Obama government, he remarked his own experiences through the events or upheavals in Pacific Asia. Somtimes he integrated his memory and comments on President Obama. Moreover, he announced the information as well as evaluated the relation between big countries, between big countries and ASEAN, and the policy regarding in relation between US and China and some Asian countries. The evaluation are based on the author's direct experiences and memory, not discribed by refering any other indirect statements or secondary documents.

With thirteen chapters, the content presents Obama Government's efforts in applying foreign policy in order to develop the good relation to China on one hand and maintain the relation to Asian core partners and allies such as Japan and Korea on the other hand; additionally more concentrate on ASEAN.

The book has been highly assessed and gained many complements. It is an analysis in-depth and quite easy to understand for those who pay attention

to foreign policy, especially about Asia. The information and assessment in the book will provide readers necessary understanding about countries.

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THẠCH PHƯƠNG, LÊ TRUNG VŨ (2015), **60 Vietnamese tradition festivals**, The Ho Chi Minh City General Publishing House, Ho Chi Minh City, 432p.

In our traditional culture, festival is the most diversified intangible cultural heritage in terms of spiritual life, is the important quintessence among spirituality and the Vietnamese people's life. Its spread and impact pervaded continuously and strongly on spirit, thinking, emotion, character (tâm hồn, tư tưởng, tình cảm, cốt cách) of many Vietnamese generations. Besides, festivals represent the people's working and struggling process in important social changes. Moreover, festival culture is part of body of knowledge emotion, heroicism, beautiful human spirit that our ancestors gifted to later generations. Through the festivals, descendants can understand in detail the ancestral life, whereby more pride of and help in preserving and promoting national cultural value. The book provides an overall and symtematic discription of sixty typical traditional festivals of ethnics in many provinces nationwide. Beside the festival presentation, there is a specific part to discribe in detail the "singing words" which is considered indispensable

component of a festival. Readers whereby can have an overview of our folk games in many areas of the country. The book is arranged in three parts:

Part 1: *Festivals including the Viet festivals and the ethnic festivals.*

Part 2: *Festival songs.*

Part 3: *Performance, games, and competitions.*

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Dr. NGUYỄN QUỐC VIỆT, Dr. VŨ ĐỨC THÀNH (Co-editor, 2015), ***Policies for development, transformation and integration,*** National Publishing, Hanoi, 314 p.

Together with increasingly complicated changes of socio-economic issues, theories of economic development continue to be improved to explain the diversifications and differences of economic growth, the changes of social features and contents within economic growth process of developing countries. Development policies today can not be separate from modern viewpoints such as green growth, domestic regional development and integration.

The book collects thirteen working-papers on such following issues: development policies toward the target of green growth, overview of macroeconomic policies and the achievements of Vietnam's Green Growth Policy during the past years, analysis and assessment of policies and programs implemented in Northwest Vietnam in some recent years to make clear the role of those policies in implementing sustainable development in one of the poor zone of Vietnam...;

planning and implementing public policies, the organizational structure responsible for policy implementation; institutions for development. The book is divided into 3 parts: Part 1- *Development and Green growth Strategy*; Part 2 - *Regional sustainable development strategy*; Part 3 - *Development and Integration Strategy.*

HOÀI PHÚC

Assoc.Prof NGUYỄN GIA THO (Editor, 2015). ***Aristotle's logic and its impacts on traditional logic development,*** ThegioiPublishers, Hanoi, 343 p.

The book involved in the principles of western logic history which started before the Aristotle's logic in ancient Greece ; Aristotle's logic and its development in the founding and development of traditional logic. However, the focal point of the book is about logic theories of Aristotle - who was considered the ancestor of logic. The book includes three parts :

Part I : Clarifying socio-economic premises, theories, and some features in Aristotle's biography

The next 5 parts (from II to VI) : Highlighting the principles of Aristotle's logic which related to the principles of traditional logic. Besides, the study also denotes the principles of Aristotle's logic that are rarely or not referred to in traditional logic (modal logic).

Part VII: Analyzing the principles of Aristotle's logic which have developed in traditional logic of some typical schools and representatives.

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