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NGUYEN PHU TRONG (2023), **A resolute and persistent fight against corruption and negativity in the process of building an increasingly pure and strong Party and State of Vietnam**, Truth-National Political Publishing House, Hanoi, 623 pp.

Over the past years, especially since the establishment of the Central Steering Committee on Anti-corruption under the Politburo, chaired by General Secretary Nguyen Phu Trong, in 2013, the prevention and fight against corruption has been conducted aggressively, drastically, “no forbidden zones, no exceptions”, which gained many positive results, people’s warm welcome and high appreciation from the international public. The book represents General Secretary Nguyen Phu Trong’s consistent and thorough thoughts on the fight against corruption and negativity, on building and rectifying the Party, and on improving the morality and lifestyle of cadres and Party members. These directives are drawn from rich and vivid practical experience, showing the close, decisive, comprehensive, and persuasive direction of the General Secretary, contributing to clarifying the new developments in the Party’s theoretical thinking on the prevention and fighting against corruption and negative acts. The book consists of three parts as follows:

Part one: Some issues drawn from the reality of the fight against corruption and negativity in Vietnam, including the General Secretary’s overview article re-

evaluating the anti-corruption work in Vietnam since the establishment of the Central Steering Committee on Anti-corruption from 2013 to the present; the closing speech of the General Secretary at national conferences on anti-corruption work and his conclusions at the meetings of the Steering Committee and the Standing Board of the Central Steering Committee.

Part two: Consistent with the motto: Preventing corruption and negativity from early, from afar, from top to bottom: a selection of articles by the General Secretary on Party building and rectification, emphasizing the decline in political ideology, morality and lifestyle of cadres and Party members.

Part three: One mind top to bottom, Smooth sailing across length and breadth: a collection of opinions and evaluations showing the deep beliefs of the people of all classes, National Assembly deputies, and the recognition and support of international friends for the fight against corruption and negativity under the leadership of the Party, led by General Secretary Nguyen Phu Trong.

HOAI PHUC

VU THI THANH (Editor, 2022), **To not be left behind: Opportunities and ability for social inclusion of ethnic minority women (A case study in Northwest)**, Social Sciences Publishing House, Hanoi, 295 pp.

Social inclusion is defined as the process of improving the terms in which vulnerable groups take part in society by being given

more opportunities, access to resources, and respect for their voices and rights. Therefore, social inclusion is both a process and an objective. The book deals with the social life of Thai and Hmong women in Lai Chau province in the Northwest region where the poverty rate is highest and the human development index is lowest in Vietnam.

The book consists of four chapters. Chapter 1 presents the theoretical and practical basis of research on the social inclusion of ethnic minority women. Chapter 2 analyzes the market access of ethnic minority women, focusing on access to jobs and land. Chapter 3 examines aspects of ethnic minority women's access to social services, especially those that affect human development, including (i) access to health services; (ii) access to education; (iii) access to information. Chapter 4 explores the political and social participation of ethnic minority women by reviewing their involvement in electoral activities, in local decision-making, and in maintaining a social network of ethnic minority women. Based on these analyses, some policy recommendations are proposed to improve the opportunities and ability for social inclusion of ethnic minority women therein in the coming time.

PHAM NGUYEN

NGO DUC THINH (Editor, 2022), **Regional culture and Vietnamese cultural zoning**, Ethnic Culture Publishing House, Hanoi, 688 pp.

A regional culture is a form of cultural space, located in the diversity of Vietnamese culture. Studying regional culture, one can see the diverse cultural nuances of regions and ethnic groups; the laws of

cultural formation and changes in certain geospatial environments; ways and modes of cultural exchange between regions in the country, between Vietnam culture and that of Southeast Asia and the world. The book initially explores, experiments from theoretical issues to outline zoning plans, and studies some cultural regions, and regional cultural phenomena.

The first part consists of 2 chapters, presenting the major theoretical schools in the world on the cultural region, and the local cultural nuances in Vietnam, from ideas to concepts.

The second part is structured into 11 chapters defining the concept of cultural regions and criteria for cultural zoning, thereby giving an outline of zoning in Vietnam; presenting typical cultural regions in Vietnam such as the Northern Delta and Midlands, the Lang cultural sub-region, Northwest and Thanh Nghe mountainous cultural regions, and the cultural regions of the Central Highlands - Truong Son and South Central, etc.

The third part consists of 11 chapters, referring to the regional characteristics expressed in several cultural phenomena, from the concept of "area of cultural genre" to single cultural phenomena (namely, house, costume, cuisine, vessel, epic...)

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NGUYEN CHIEN THANG, TRAN VAN HOANG (Co-editor, 2022), **Institutions supporting technology innovation for Vietnamese small and medium enterprises in the new context**, Social Sciences Publishing House, Hanoi, 244 pp.

Small and medium enterprises in Vietnam play a crucial role in creating jobs, making a great contribution to GDP, and having a

fast growth rate. However, the small and medium-sized enterprise sector in particular is limited by institutions, especially those related to technological innovation. The book analyzes two important aspects of economic development in general and small and medium-sized enterprise development in particular from the perspective of technological innovation factor. The book consists of 3 chapters.

Chapter 1 systematizes the theoretical basis of institutions to support small and medium enterprises in technological innovation; refers to the experience of countries and territories that already have institutions to support enterprises in general and small and medium enterprises in particular in technological innovation, thereby drawing lessons for Vietnam.

Chapter 2 analyzes and assesses the current status of institutions supporting small and medium-sized enterprises in technological innovation in Vietnam in the period 2010-2020 based on a highly representative survey data set by the General Statistics Office, clarifies the positives and limitations on the effectiveness of technology as well as figuring out the causes and factors that limit the effectiveness of policies to back small and medium enterprises in technological innovation in the past period. Chapter 3 proposes solutions to promote institutions to support Vietnam's small and medium-sized enterprises in technological innovation in the coming period in the new context.

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NGUYEN AN HA (Editor, 2022), **Promoting Vietnam - EU relations in the new context**, Social Sciences Publishing House, Hà Nội, 292 pp.

Since the establishment of diplomatic relations at the ambassadorial level in 1990, the relationship between Vietnam and the European Union (EU) has made positive developments in various fields and brought about significant results. The nature of the Vietnam - EU relationship has changed from being passive, one-way between "aid recipient and donor" to an equal partnership, comprehensive cooperation, and sustainable development. However, in addition to the advantages, there are also certain difficulties in the relationship between the two sides.

The book examines changes in the new context, which is currently having many reversible effects on Vietnam - EU relations, clearly identifying opportunities and challenges in the bilateral relationship, thereby proposing solutions to promote Vietnam - EU cooperation in various fields. The book consists of 3 chapters.

Chapter 1 clarifies the world and regional context and the situation of the parties; analyzes the factors affecting Vietnam-EU relations in the period 2012-2020 that require them to make adjustments in their foreign policies in general and relation as well as roles and positions with each other. Chapter 2 analyzes Vietnam - EU relations in the fields of politics - diplomacy, economy - trade, security - defense, science - technology, culture - education, tourism and labor, environment, and sustainable development; and evaluates the promotion of Vietnam - EU relations in the period 2012-2020.

Chapter 3 forecasts development trends and proposes solutions to promote Vietnam-EU relations in the period 2012-2020.

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