

INFORMATION OF SCIENTIFIC ACTIVITIES**Scientific workshop: New issues in literary research and teaching from a modern perspective**

Vietnam Institute of Literature (VIL), Vietnam Academy of Social Sciences (VASS), on 19 September 2023 held a conference on “New issues in literary research and education from visionary to modern perspectives” was part of the celebration series on the 70th anniversaries of the VIL and the VASS. The VASS leadership, researchers from the VIL, experts, and representatives from research institutes, universities, and media agencies attended the workshop.

Since 1986, different literary theories have been introduced in Vietnam as a result of a transformation of the acceptance mindset and thinking. The process has created a premise for the formation of new literary knowledge structures and visions, which has also encouraged the revision of existing literary questions, justification of unrecognized phenomena, reshaping of literary vision, and creation of literary standards in the face of current and future opportunities and challenges. Many issues had been raised at the conference, such as how to recognize literature from modern perspectives, how to appreciate the role and contribution of literature, what direction for the development of literature from the views of experts, managers, and educators, and what purposes literature to serve in research and education.

Experts also shared and exchanged at the conference their research results and

suggestions for future development of literary studies and education from the perspectives of current social sciences and humanities. There were 71 discussions contributed to the conference with major focuses include: (i) Identification of the formation and transformation of knowledge structures of modern social sciences and humanities to determine the modernity of literature and new research and education models; (ii) Identification of new questions (on approaches, assessment of new literary phenomena, literary heritages, etc.) for literary research; (iii) Identification of literary research tendencies in the new settings and based on literary achievements and experiences for the pre-1986 period; (iv) Analysis, evaluation, and explanation of the connections between literary studies at VASS and practical education at universities and between fundamental and applied research; identification of positivity and compatibility of theories and methodologies against practical literature, the influences of theoretical and critical studies on modern literature, formation of new literary knowledge, and the construction of literary programs and educational syllabus; and (v) Reform of literary education at schools under the new conditions and new knowledge systems; identification of opportunities and challenges in literary education; experience sharing for promoting practical reading and teaching of literature in Vietnam.

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Scientific workshop: Vietnam's energy transition: Trends in shaping the green economy

Vietnam Institute of Economics, Vietnam Academy of Social Sciences held the conference on "Energy transition in Vietnam: Trends that shape the green economy" on 29 December 2023 in Hanoi with the presence of scientists and experts from and outside VASS.

The conference aimed to evaluate the current status of Vietnam's green economy from different aspects and perspectives in order to define advantages and challenges for the green transition.

Experts and scientists discussed key issues at the conference on green transition, digital economy, ecological society, green urban areas with energy saving and ecological balance, green house effects, and potential and trends of solar development in Vietnam. Participants confirmed the inevitability of energy transition to sustainable development in any countries. Green economy is a necessity for job generation, sustained growth, and prevention of environmental degradation,

global warming, and resource depletion. Green economy driven sustainability creates profits and benefits to the human life and society while being environmentally friendly. There are three elements of green economy: economic (poverty reduction and alleviation, public health improvement, clean energy, job creation, growth, etc.) environmental (sustainable production and consumption, preservation of marine resources, and protection and recreation of onshore ecological, etc.), and social aspects (enhancement of educational quality, reduced gender gap, abridged social inequality, etc.). Sustainability would be achieved through the balance of those three elements.

The emphasis at the conference was on environmental resources as the key to green economy and a determinant for economic development, improvement of value chains, generation of long-term sustainability and prosperity. Experts believed investments in green economy should be backed with international and domestic policy reforms and market infrastructure development.

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