

ĐẶNG THỊ HOA (Ed.). **Social management of ethnic minority area in Vietnam for sustainable development.** H.: Social Sciences Publishing House, 2014, 363p.

Social management is always one of the concerns of researchers, managers and policy makers. Currently, social management is posing new issues, conflicts between traditional cultural values preserved for many generations and the social movement and development in the context of modernization, integration and development. In Vietnam, since the implementation of Renewal, with the State's policies, ethnic minority areas have prospered, especially changes in term of infrastructure, socio-economical life of ethnic minorities has made remarkable progress. However, there still exists inadequacies in preservation, promotion of identity values of ethnic culture in the context of many new social values are increasingly penetrating, developing rapidly in ethnic minority areas, withering fine cultural values of the nation. That is the main issue that the author analyzes in the book.

The book contains 4 chapters.

After literature review, concepts and perspectives of related studies (chapter 1), the author examines the impacts of the traditional factors on grassroots

social management in ethnic minority areas today (chapter 2), analyzes the advantages, limitations of grassroots political system of social management in ethnic minority areas (chapter 3) and learns about the work of grassroots cadres in ethnic minority areas, especially in border areas (chapter 4).

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NGUYỄN HỒNG SƠN, NGUYỄN ANH THU (Co-editor). **ASEAN Economic Community (AEC): Background and international experiences** (Monographs). H.: Hanoi Vietnam National University, 2015, 257p.

The book is written in the framework of "ASEAN Economic Community in the new context of the world and the participation of Vietnam", code KX.01.11/11-15 under the Program "Scientific research on economic development and economic management in Vietnam by 2020" (KX.01/11-15).

The book consists of 3 parts.

Part 1 generalizes practice of regional economic integration in the world by analyzing the trend of regional economic integration and integration experience of EU, NAFTA, MERCOSUR and Africa at various levels, from relatively loose level of integration (some of the integration process in Africa) to very deep level of integration (EU).

Part 2 describes the process of integration in AEC and specific experience of a number of typical ASEAN countries towards AEC. In particular, it analyzes the implementation of AEC under the pillars, assess the results achieved, the prioritized work towards AEC 2015. At the same time, it provides some experience in AEC participation of Philippines and Thailand in the field of financial and logistic integration.

Part 3 provides a comprehensive picture of new situation in the world today, especially the difficulties and challenges as well as these impacts of this context to the AEC and some issues raised. Besides, it clarifies some of the contexts in the world which strongly impact to AEC such as bilateralism and multilateralism in the world, blooming tendency of Free Trade Agreements in the Asian region and the current integration process in the Asia - Pacific.

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Assoc.Prof, Dr NGUYỄN VĂN PHÚC  
**Strategic breakthrough to generate socio-economic development in Vietnam - Current situation and Solutions.** H.: National Political, 2015, 400p.

The book mentions domestic and foreign situations when making decisions in selecting strategic breakthroughs; the necessary to implement three strategic breakthroughs (fine-tuning market economy institutions, improving quality of labor forces, modernizing infra-

structure). In the Socio-economic Development Strategy 2011-2020, these breakthroughs are selected for the sake of driving Vietnam basically to become a modern-industrialized country in 2020. In addition, the book makes an analysis on situation and the process of building and implementing three strategic breakthroughs in Vietnam from 2011. It also finds out the weak points, describes the challenges in the coming years and makes recommendations to boost the implementation of three breakthroughs from now to 2020. The book includes three chapters.

Chapter 1: Rationale for breakthroughs in the Vietnam's Socio-Economic Development Strategy for the period 2011-2020.

Chapter 2: Implementation of the breakthroughs in Vietnam during the past time.

Chapter 3: Challenges and resolutions to boost implementation of breakthroughs in Vietnam to 2020.

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Assoc.Prof, Dr PHẠM QUÝ THỌ.  
**Vietnam economy after thirty years of transformation.** H.: Information and Communications, 2015, 423p.

The book generalizes regularized trends of the transforming process from centrally planned economy to the market economy in terms of both theory and practice in our country as well as in a certain number of other nations over the world, clarifies the current situation of

Vietnam economic development in different stages of 30 years in Đổi mới (renovation) period. The book is not oriented to a comprehensive analysis on Vietnamese economy, but mainly focuses on selective generalization of the regularized trends in economic transformation, emphasizing the righteousness and upholding the course of the renovation of the Party and State that consists of economic reform towards market principles and sustainable economic development in our country.

The book includes four parts with eight chapters.

Part 1: Economic transition, clarifying the rationale and situation of Vietnam in transiting from centrally-planned economy to a market economy (chapter 1 + 2).

Part 2: Overview of Vietnam economy after thirty-year transformation, analyzing the implementation and achievements, different viewpoints and some main comments (chapter 3+4).

Part 3: Macroeconomic stability, denoting the current situation and the causes of macroeconomic instabilities; and some big macroeconomic issues (chapter 5+6).

Part 4: Institutions and economic growth model, clarifying economic institutional reforms and offering suggestions on economic growth model for Vietnam (chapter 7+8).

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Assoc.Prof, Dr NGUYỄN ANH TUẤN.  
**The Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) and its impacts on Vietnam** (Reference book). H.: National Political, 2015, 342p.

Regional integration is one the most-selected trends in the world to move step by step into global integration. Pacific-Asia is considered the most dynamic area with the regional strongest integration of many developed economies all over the world. Negotiation on the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) is one of many integrational negotiations in this area.

The book provides an overall major contents of TPP, makes an analysis on disadvantages during the negotiation and the objectives of twelve partners to join it. Notably, the author give his own assessment of TPP's impacts on the region and the world in general, and on VietNam and its international integration in particular. He also predicts Vietnam's economic development in the coming time, makes recommendations, policies for Vietnam for the sake of maximizing benefits and minimizing harms, taking opportunities to develop.

The book includes four chapters: 1/ Contents and negotiating process of TPP; 2/ Objectives and viewpoints of member countries to TPP negotiation; 3/ TPP's impacts and policy proposals to Vietnam.

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