

BOOKS IN SOCIAL SCIENCES LIBRARY REVIEW

VŨ NGỌC KHÁNH. **Mandarins in Vietnam's history**. H.: Youth Publishing House, 2009, 466 p., Vb 46400.

“Quan” (Office) means public works, “ông quan” (official) means person do public work, state work (any state for any regime). “Servants” mean people who work in public office but they do not have power. After this, we have the word “official” (correct translation from French) used for any time. But under feudalism, the civil servants have always been called mandarins.

The book goes deep into the world of Vietnam's mandarins - one of many areas to find the identity of Vietnam, according to the author. However, in this book, the author limitedly mentions the officials in the Lý dynasty and later on (but not all), not mentions *servants*. The author presents a relatively complete chronicle order, the order of their births.

The book includes two parts.

Part I present characters of Vietnam's mandarins and introduce some Vietnam's Officials in history.

Part II is the appendix, quotes a number of poems and anecdotes of Officials so the readers know how public and current generation assessed and recognized those officials.

KHÁNH CHI

MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY. **Real estate markets development policy: international experience and lessons for Vietnam** (Reference Book). H.: Statistics

Publishing House, 2009, 205 p., Vb 47792.

Real estate market is an important component of the economy operating under the socialist-oriented market economy in Vietnam. Promoting efficient and sustainable market will contribute greatly to the effective and stable development of the economy.

This book focuses on presenting the experience of some countries in the world (including countries in the region with developed economies, transiting economies in Eastern Europe, the new industrialized countries and developing countries in South East Asia) about development policy for real estate market - and prominent experiences appropriate to apply in the circumstances of Vietnam.

Content of the book consists of six chapters. Chapters 1-5 analyze the experiences of other countries: building a legal framework for real estate market development policy, land policy and land office for the development of this market, real estate development policy including house, industrial zone, financial-monetary policies in mobilizing investment capital in real estate development; policies to develop real estate market in the model of the socialist market economy of China. On that basis, chapter 6 draws some lessons for Vietnam's development policies in this market.

TRUNG HẬU

NGUYỄN THỊ PHƯƠNG CHÂM. **Cultural changes in village today (In case of Đồng Ky, Trang Liệt and Đình Bảng villages, Từ Sơn District, Bắc Ninh Province)**. H.: Culture – Information and Institute of Culture. 2009, 458 p., Vb 47947.

In about two decades, a prominent social fact is growth of Vietnam's economy is strong, the work of urbanization and industrialization are growing in expansion. The process of urbanization and industrialization lead to profound social changes, including changes in the cultural village.

In addition to the inheritance of research results from published sources, and methods used to observe the participants, in-depth interviews, quantitative interviews (questionnaire to households selected by random from cluster population), analyzing, synthesizing, collecting statistics, comparison, quick reviews, checking the reliability of information ..., author of the book is trying to figure out the nature and mechanism of the cultural transformation in the village, namely the case of certain villages in Bắc Ninh province, in the context of urbanization and industrialization today.

The main issues discussed in the book are: Theoretical and practical context of research on the cultural changes and cultural changes in the villages now: The changing trend of economic life, society and culture of Đồng Ky, Trang Liệt and Đình Bảng villages in the process of urbanization and industrialization. The issues rose in the process of social and cultural changes of

the three villages, and the solutions necessary for sustainable development strategies in three villages and rural areas in Bắc Ninh and locations with the rapid process of urbanization, industrialization nowadays.

VŨ HIẾU

VŨ VĂN NÂM. **Develop a sustainable agriculture in Vietnam**. H.: “Thời đại” Publishing House, 2009, 187 p., Vb 48096.

In Vietnam, the issue of sustainable development in agricultural production is still a new issue. Especially in the last 20 years of renewal, besides the achievements, the reality poses many challenges while developing agriculture in a sustainable manner. Before those difficulties and challenges, the construction of an agricultural economy which develops toward sustained trend and play a significant theoretical and practical role.

The book includes three chapters; it is the systematic study from argument to practice of develops a sustainable agriculture in our country, study in depth contents:

Chapter I: The theory and practice of sustainable agricultural development, the general outline of sustainable development, develop agriculture toward sustainable trend and analyze cases of some countries to withdraw the lessons for Vietnam.

Chapter II: Current status of agricultural development toward sustainable trend in Vietnam; seen from an overview of agriculture in our country to changes in agricultural development toward sustainable trends and provide general assessment for this work.

Chapter III: Directions and solutions to develop agriculture in the sustainable trend in Vietnam.

KHÁNH CHI

CÔNG VĂN TRUNG. Essay on Vietnam's traditional culture and art & the relationship of culture and art with other nations in the world. H.: Writers Association Publishing House, 2009, 243 p., Vb 47998.

Art and culture of Vietnam always bring their own unique features, but always influence each other in cultural exchanges between the peoples in the world. The images shown in the ancient exhibits continuously, inherited art with ideology originated from countryside. The exploitation of Vietnam's ancient traditional culture and art contributes to determine the thickness of the nation's history which is reflected in the material reality of life and spirit of our ancestors, shows the "*full hybrid*" of traditional culture and art of Vietnam nation.

The book consists of four parts which are the evidence of scientific, archaeological... presented "string as a chain" to clarify its consistent meaning in the history. In addition, the authors combine theoretical analysis with illustrations by the images in order to compare the image of Vietnam with art images of other countries in the region and over the world, which shows clearly the continuity and similarities, cultural and art exchanges from the ancient time between nations although there are difference of time and space.

HOÀ AN

ĐỖ ĐỨC QUÂN (Editor in Chief). Some solutions to develop rural area of Northern delta sustainably during the peirod of building and developing industrial zones. H.: National Political Publishing House, 2010, p. 165, Vb 48084

The formation of industrial zones has changed the face of rural areas, but besides that also a large effect to the sustainable development of the purely agricultural areas. Agricultural land is shrinking; resources for development are deficit and imbalance, many farmers fell into underemployment situation, environmental quality was declining...

Based on field surveys in the provinces of Vĩnh Phúc, Hải Dương, Ninh Bình, the author of the book want to find a solution to the problem of sustainable development of rural areas in the Northern delta during industrial zones building and developing process.

Content of the book consists of three chapters.

Chapter 1 clarifies the theoretical basis for sustainable development of rural area in the course of industrial construction and development, analyze the impact of the industrial zone on the sustainable development of rural areas, and also present experiences of some countries in the world in this field.

Chapter 2 analyzes the current status of sustainable development of rural areas in northern delta during industrial zones construction development.

On that basis, in Chapter 3, the authors provide some direction and solutions to develop this area sustainably.

HOÀI PHÚC

LẠI QUỐC KHÁNH. **Dialectics of Hồ Chí Minh's thought about socialism in Vietnam.** H.: National Political Publishing House, 2009, 291 p., Vb 48066.

Starting from the concept of "thought about socialism could not just stop at those economic, political, cultural, social issues, but to go to matters of philosophy, must be deployed on up school, attitudes and methods of philosophy", the authors said that applying philosophical approach to clarify the nature of the philosophical thoughts of Hồ Chí Minh about socialism is necessary. That will help us understand more deeply, more fully His ideas about this meaningful theoretical and practical importance issue.

Along with the collection, systematization, structure arguments, attitudes of Hồ Chí Minh on socialism in Vietnam, the author analyzed to clarify the process of forming dialectically and the dialectical viewpoints of His ideal about socialism in Vietnam, their explanation of what and how Hồ Chí Minh acquired, applied and developed the traditional ideological – cultural values of the nation and humanity on the basis of Vietnam to form Socialist attitudes in Vietnam (Chapter 1); about dialectical *two circle* during the formation of Hồ Chí Minh's thought about socialism in Vietnam; national liberation in proletarian revolution way and building a people democracy regime to go to socialism in Vietnam (Chapter 2); about some basic dialectical thoughts of Hồ Chí Minh about socialism in Vietnam (Chapter 3).

PHẠM VŨ

MAI THỊ QUÝ. **Globalization and inheritance of some traditional values of the nation in the present globalization context.** H.: Social Sciences Publishing House, 2009, 289 p., Vb 47596.

The globalization is setting the great challenges to every country, especially the developing countries like Vietnam; one of such challenges is the circumvention of long-old traditional values of the ethnic groups. How to not only lose the traditional values but also maintain, inherit, bring into play and renovate such values, change them into strength to make the country rise during the regional and international integration. The book includes 3 chapters.

Chapter 1 clarifies the essence and factors promoting the globalization process, duality of the globalization in the present period, seeing from the philosophical angle.

In chapter2, the author analyzed the variation of the traditional values in the globalization, according to both positive and negative directions.

Chapter 3 mentions to the inheritance of some traditional values of the Vietnamese nation in the present globalization context, including the patriotic tradition, human nature tradition, solidarity tradition, and family tradition, traditional fondness for learning, diligent and saving tradition...

HOÀI PHÚC