

NEW BOOKS IN SOCIAL SCIENCES LIBRARY

NGUYEN THI PHUONG THUY (2017), **Ethnic issues and policies in Vietnam** (Monograph), Hong Duc Publishing House, Hanoi, 183 pp.

Vietnam is a multi-ethnic country. Thanks to the proper ethnic policies of the Party and the State, the increasing distribution of the state budget, together with the attention of the authorities at all levels, the socio-economy of the ethnic minority areas has rapidly grown. The material and spiritual life of the ethnic minority people in rural areas and mountainous areas has been changed and improved. The national unity and inter-ethnic relations have been strengthened and promoted.

The content of the book is presented in three chapters. Chapter 1 explores Marxism-Leninism and Ho Chi Minh's thoughts on ethnicity. Chapter 2 clarifies the characteristics of ethnic groups in Vietnam with the distinguishing features: uneven population distribution and level of development; a tradition of solidarity; each ethnic group having its own identity; dispersed settlement; many ethnic groups are located in the important areas in regard to the national defence and political, economic and ecological positions. At the same time, the author also analyzes the current ethnic relationship in Vietnam in terms of language, culture, territory - residence, economic exchanges, etc. Chapter 3 covers the current ethnic policies of the Party and the State of Vietnam, the implementation of ethnic policies in the past years, and the direction and solution

to the ethnic minority policies in our country in the coming time.

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TO TRUNG THANH (Chief Editor), **Towards sustainable trade balance in the international integration** (Monograph), National Political Publishing House, Hanoi, 212 pp.

The book is the result of a study sponsored by the NAFOTED under the topic "General Study on Trade Deficit in Vietnam and Policy Recommendations for Sustainable Trade Balance in 2020", code II4.1-2012.04. The book synthesizes theories and applies a new, modern quantitative method to assess and explain in depth the factors causing the fluctuation of Vietnam's trade balance in the period 1975-2015.

The book consists of 4 chapters. Chapter 1 presents the theoretical background and research overview of the trade balance. Chapter 2 gives an overview of Vietnam's trade balance, including economic characteristics, trade scale and balance, import-export ownership structure, export-import market structure, the position of Vietnam in the global value chain. Chapter 3 evaluates the factors affecting the trade balance in Vietnam through research methodology and data, results of model tests and empirical research. Chapter 4 proposes solutions to equilibrate the sustainable trade balance in the international integration such as growth model and economic structure, policies for enhancing national competitiveness and national trade policy, foreign exchange rate policy, etc.

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