

INFORMATION OF SCIENTIFIC ACTIVITIES**Seminar: Evaluation of Results of Investment Projects for the Libraries of Vietnam Academy of Social Sciences in the Period 2015-2019**

On December 29, 2020, the Vietnam Academy of Social Sciences (VASS) held a seminar “Evaluation of results of investment projects for the libraries of Vietnam Academy of Social Sciences in the period 2015-2019” with the participation of leadership representatives from institutes which implement the capacity building project for libraries, project beneficiaries, and staff in charge from 32 libraries directly under the VASS. The seminar was held at the VASS headquarters and online with 3 connection points of the Southern Institute of Social Sciences, the Institute of Social Sciences of the Central Region, and the Institute of Social Sciences of Central Highlands.

Assoc.Prof., Ph.D., Le Hai Dang, Deputy Director of the Institute of Social Sciences Information reported the results of the project “Building an electronic library system - a digital library - data bank of Vietnam Academy of Social Sciences” (period 2015-2018), “Building and developing a data bank for the electronic library system - the centralized digital library of the Vietnam Academy of Social Sciences” (period 2018-2019) in 4 categories: (i) invest in information technology (IT) technical infrastructure and commercial software copyright; (ii) create a database; (iii) train and improve capacity for librarians; (iv) compile and publish “Document toolkit for the libraries of the Vietnam Academy of Social Sciences”.

Representatives of the Southern Institute of Social Sciences, Institute of Social

Sciences of the Central Region, Institute of Social Sciences in the Central Highlands, Institute of Sino-Nom Studies, Graduate Academy of Social Sciences, Institute of Ethnology, Institute of Sociology, Institute of History, Center for Information Technology Application reported the results of project stages and items and identified some issues that need to be resolved.

Speeches at the conference confirmed the necessity of implementing projects for library modernization; the significance of converting library information sources and documents, creating e-books, meeting the requirements of remote access of users; providing warranty and maintenance of IT equipment; copyright issues, management methods, information confidentiality, data safety assurance; connection and connectivity issues within and outside of VASS libraries to expand the network of sharing knowledge, scientific information and research; the establishment of the Information Security Control Center, and building a national database on social sciences. The representatives also actively shared experiences in digitizing documents, creating digital databases; looking for partners and investment sources to contribute to the realization of the library modernization goal; and ways to enrich information resources.

Speaking at the seminar, Ph.D., Dang Xuan Thanh, Vice President of VASS, emphasized that the achievements of investment projects for the VASS library system helped connect VASS libraries to a governance model based on specialized and reputable software.

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