

INFORMATION OF SCIENTIFIC ACTIVITIES**Seminar “Vietnam Economic Report 2020: Promote Economic Growth Based on Creative Innovation”**

On January 19, 2021, the Vietnam Institute of Economics, Vietnam Academy of Social Sciences (VASS) organized a seminar on “Vietnam Economic Report 2020: Promote Economic Growth Based on Creative Innovation”. Attending the seminar were representatives of VASS leadership, a group of researchers from the Vietnam Institute of Economics and experts and scholars from agencies inside and outside VASS.

Based on 04 reports presented at the seminar and the results of qualitative and quantitative research by the group of researchers from the Vietnam Institute of Economics, some main contents of the Draft Annual Vietnam Economic Report 2020 has been introduced:

(1) In the context of the world economy covered in the Covid-19 pandemic, affected much more heavily than the 1997 financial and monetary crisis and the 2008 global financial crisis, Vietnam achieved the “dual goal”: both drastically preventing epidemic, recovering and developing socio-economic, continuing to integrate deeply into the regional and global economy through signing new generations of Free Trade Agreements.

(2) The Covid-19 pandemic had different effects by industry: industries with adult-to-adult contact had a sharp decline in GDP, except for the manufacturing of medical supplies and equipment; Meanwhile, non-contact industries such as distance education and e-payments benefit.

(3) Vietnam belongs to the group of countries simulating technology, so its R&D spending has a major impact on economic growth; Accordingly, the government needs to act more strongly to help businesses realize the meaning and respond to the integration of the element of “Industrial Revolution 4.0” into the development strategy, more attention should be paid to investment for R&D, innovation and improvement of the quality of human resources.

(4) Covid-19 pandemic not only pushes the economy into a greater level of uncertainty, poses many difficulties and challenges, causing businesses to change the way of governance, the government must change the way of management and supervision; but also provides an opportunity to promote digital transformation for the economy.

(5) Based on creative innovation, digital transformation, solutions to promote economic growth in the post-Covid-19 period include adequate support for digital technology businesses; policy formulation needs to be more detailed, focusing more on creating development; give priority to rescue and support enterprises with high growth prospects; It is necessary to step up the public offering of bonds for the first time, divestment of enterprises, especially state-owned enterprises; urgently formulate and implement a digital transformation strategy in combination with new economic stimulus packages, and restructure related industries/goods.

(6) According to forecasts of the Vietnam Institute of Economics, Vietnam’s GDP growth in 2021 is forecast to reach 6.9% -

5.49% - 3.48% respectively under the high, medium and low scenarios, depending on the world economic situation and the ability to absorb foreign direct investment.

(7) Some highlighted policy implications include the need to better identify the factors that help Vietnam achieve the “dual goal”; it is important to avoid subjective thinking that Vietnam is in the highest growth group, which means solving many problems in growth structure and quality; Changing our mindset, turning IT and digital transformation is an important push and foundation to support the recovery and growth process towards efficiency, green and sustainable; Vietnam is facing a golden opportunity to break through and accelerate thanks to science and technology and asymptotic to the innovation stage (5G technology, digital transformation, Nanotechnology, etc.); Innovating thinking and innovating policy institutions towards creating a favourable environment, strongly encouraging and mobilizing the participation of the non-state sector to form and develop the digital economy.

Participants actively discussed, recognized the problems, proposed initiatives and solutions to complete the Draft Vietnam Economic Report 2020: Promoting growth based on creative innovation.

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Workshop “Digital Transformation of Vietnamese Academic Journals”

On April 15, 2021, in Hanoi, the National Agency for Science and Technology Information under the Ministry of Science and Technology organized a workshop “Digital Transformation of Vietnamese Academic Journals”. Attending the workshop were representative leaders

from more than 100 academic journals of ministries, departments, research institutes, universities and professional associations in Vietnam.

Thanks to the digital technology, academic journals in recent years have gradually switched to electronic publishing. Most of the world’s leading academic journals are published in digital format. Therefore, digital transformation is currently an urgent requirement for Vietnamese academic journals. The National Agency for Science and Technology Information has built a basic digital infrastructure for Vietnam Journal of Science and Technology through the Vietnam Journals Online (VJOL), which allows collecting, storing data and introduce academic articles of member journals who volunteer to provide their content on VJOL website. It thereby helps others doing digital transformation, simplifying and professionalizing the process of editing and publishing their journals online. The conference is the first step to take timely action and successfully digitalize Vietnamese academic journals as soon as possible.

The presentations focused on relevant issues such as Tools to enhance the influence of Vietnamese journals (VJOL); International trends in publishing academic journals; The urgency of building the Vietnam Citation Index (VCI) and improving the quality of Vietnam’s scientific journals; Brand quality and management of Vietnamese academic journals in the process of digital transformation; Introduction to vjol.info.vn through some search results of the electronic version of the *Vietnam Journal of Social Sciences* and the *Journal of Religious Studies*.

The workshop shared the expert viewpoints of orientations, publishing trends as well as approaches and applications of digital transformation. Accordingly, Vietnamese academic journals are numerous in quantity but fairly low in quality in comparison with the regional and international ones. It also revealed the low percentage of Vietnamese academic journals online, the limited application of DOI codes and little journal evaluation and rankings as well. Therefore, the digital transformation needs to be equipped with more legal norms and/or a set of criteria to rank and evaluate the quality of academic journals and enhance their brand name. A survey by the National Agency for Science and Technology Information shows that 102 out of 155 journals are published in hard copy (accounting for 66%), 52 journals published both in hard and electronic copies (accounting for 33%) and only one in electronic format. Besides, only about 27% of journals use DOI identifiers for articles published online.

Thus, most academic journals are published by the traditional method, not yet published on a electronic platform that is dedicated and applicable with the requirements of electronic journals.

The workshop attendees emphasized the importance and urgency of digital transformation for those who are doing the scientific and technological information work in general, and journal editors in particular. They also attached the great significance on building and maintaining the VJOL website to introduce Vietnam's research and development achievements to the world community. It's necessary to do the online publication, which is the first step for us to to enter the ACI and VCI catalogues, and move on to the Scopus, Web of Science catalogues. Thereby, the academic journals should make more efforts, be more active and proactive in updating journals to VJOL for timely information sharing.

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Based on identifying tourism development trends that affect the culture of livelihoods and the problems raised, the thesis proposes some solutions to promote cultural values of livelihoods and ensure sustainable livelihoods for residents at Trang An Landscape Complex. The synchronous implementation of solutions (mechanisms and policies; training, fostering and human resource development; ensuring

community-based tourism development; and exploitation and preservation of local cultural values and natural resources of the world heritage) is a premise to ensure the sustainable development of livelihoods of the residents therein.

The thesis was successfully defended at the Academy-level Thesis Examination Council, meeting at the Ho Chi Minh National Academy of Politics in 2020 □

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