

NEW BOOKS IN SOCIAL SCIENCES LIBRARY

NGUYEN VAN CHUYEN (2021), **Trading ports in the North Central Coast in the 10th-19th centuries**, The Gioi Publishing House, 303 pp.

The book collects and analyzes data on a series of 12 ports out of 19 estuaries, located along the coast of North Central Vietnam, including 4 ports in Thanh Hoa province, 3 ports in Nghe An province, and 5 ports in Ha Tinh province.

The book consists of 3 chapters. Chapter 1 presents the basis of the formation and operation of trading ports on the North Central Coast. Chapter 2 describes and analyzes these 12 trading ports in detail and their commercial relationships. Chapter 3 makes some comments on the characteristics of the trading ports, their commercial relationships, their positions, roles, political and social factors.

From detailed descriptions of each estuary and seaport in geographical order from North to South, the author has found out their common basic characteristics as well as the distinctive features when compared with other villages. Thereby, it can be seen that a string of ports carries all the characteristics of estuaries and seaports of Vietnam as well as that of the Central region, most of them have splendid scenery, some ports were associated with great historical events of the country. The characteristics of a string of ports model in the North Central region largely reflect both their strengths and weaknesses. Based on the analysis of these 12 ports, the author also mentions the development of seaports in connection with the key economic zoning, the process of linking

with international partners in the North Central region nowadays.

HOAI PHUC

NGUYEN THI QUE HUONG (2021), **Catholic Village in the Red River Delta: History and Present**, Social Sciences Publishing House, 415 pp.

Religion is both a constituent part of the culture and a cultural heritage of mankind. It is also a form of social consciousness, a social entity phenomenon, especially a cultural phenomenon, which always affects the social and emotional lives of individuals and becomes a part of the spiritual life of society in general and of the village in particular. Catholic village conventions are written conventions and regulations of the inhabitants of a Catholic village.

Based on the selected Catholic village conventions in the Red River Delta, classified through three previous periods, the village administrative reforms (1921-1942) and the current period, the book analyzes and evaluates the role and position of village conventions in regulating religious activities; promoting cultural and moral values in the cultural life of Catholic villages, and compares the rituals and practices of Catholic villages with other villages in and out of the region. It also clarifies the inheritance and promotion of cultural traditions in building a new life in Catholic villages today. The above content is presented in 4 chapters. Chapter 1 gives a general introduction to the research problem; Chapter 2 describes the history of formation and development of Catholic village conventions in the Red River Delta; Chapter 3 outlines the basic

contents of the Catholic village convention in the Red River Delta; Chapter 4 examines the Catholic village conventions in today's socio-cultural life.

HOAI PHUC

NGUYEN VAN KIM (2021), **Legend of a Land: Cultural Space of the Central Highlands through Epics of Minority Group of Ede**, Social Sciences Publishing House, 319 p.

Epic is the heritage, cultural resource, poetic resource of a nation or ethnic community; reflecting the natural world, laws of movement of nature, social life, historical myths with realistic and vivid narratives.

A series of essays provides an overview of the cultural space of the Central Highlands through epics of Ede ethnic group: from the potential, the role of the ecosystem, and the survival spaces of the Ede people to the epic, the infrastructure, the historical reality and the reality of social life, or the rich knowledge conveyed through the epics as well as way of thinking, livelihood, and cultural adaptation of local residents with the living environment, etc.

The book consists of 9 chapters analyzing the following issues: Sea and thinking about the sea in the epic Dam Di (Chapter 1); Essay on water, river, and wharf (Chapter 2); Survival spaces of the Ede (Chapter 3); Jar of wine and awareness of jar of wine through studying the epic Dam San (Chapter 4); Weaving and the animal world in Ede textile products (Chapter 5); Exchange and trade in the Central Highlands - History and regional and inter-regional relationships (Chapter 6); Economic relations in Ede epic and customary law (Chapter 7); Tragedy in

the epic Chilokok (Chapter 8); Some thoughts on epics and cultural history (Chapter 9).

HOAI PHUC

DANG KIM SON (Editor, 2021), **Innovating Vietnam's Economic Growth**, Truth-National Politics Publishing House, 272 p.

The old model of growth in Vietnam is no longer effective, while the endogenous growth one based on science - technology has not had enough basis to form. Therefore, innovating the growth model needs to take appropriate steps, and in the long run, it is necessary to nurture capacity in technology research and application, develop human resources, and build a foundation for a national innovation system. The comments, solutions, and recommendations outlined in this 5-chapter book contribute to providing more references for readers on this issue. Chapter 1 discusses economic growth as a vital task, from the aspiration to prosperity to the danger of falling into the "middle income" trap and the tragedy of falling behind.

Chapter 2 deals with resources and economic growth including exogenous and endogenous.

Chapter 3 evaluates the development of key economic regions and key and diversified economic sectors by their advantages.

Chapter 4 analyzes economic factors with economic growth such as exploiting the domestic market, foreign-invested enterprises, state-owned enterprises, domestic private enterprises, household economy, and state management.

Chapter 5 recommends a new growth model for Vietnam.

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