

## INFORMATION OF SCIENTIFIC ACTIVITIES

### **Exhibition and show of documents on “Paracel, Spratly islands of Vietnam - The historical and legal evidences”**

Exhibition of maps and show of documents on “Paracel, Spratly islands of Vietnam - The historical and legal evidences” are the activities of information and propaganda for sea and islands in order to contribute to enhance awareness, responsibility and solidarity of people, to preserve and defend the sovereignty on sea and islands, especially to confirm the sovereignty of Vietnam on the two islands of Paracel and Spratly. These activities were organized by Ministry of Information and Communication, so far have been held in 54 provinces and cities, 10 islands and island districts, and 13 units of army nationwide.

Most of documents and maps showed at exhibition are textual documents, objects, publications and nearly 100 maps that are results of collection of documents long before from various sources by domestic and foreign scholars. The historical evidences on sovereignty of Vietnam on sea and islands were manifested obviously in Hán-Nôm (Sino-Nom) texts, Vietnamese texts of Nguyễn Regime, especially in the royal documents of Nguyễn Dynasty; in French texts of French Authorities in Indochina, in administrative documents of Republic of Vietnam Authorities in South Vietnam (1954-1975), of the State of Socialist Republic of Vietnam (since 1975 up to now); in publications compiled and published by Western authors; in the maps and pictures published by Vietnam, China and the West (noticeably among which there

are 4 atlases published by Qing Dynasty and Government of Republic of China which show clearly the Southern frontier of China was Hainan island); in the various studies and publications of Vietnamese and foreign scholars on the two islands of Paracel and Spratly;...

The contents of documents evidenced the legal foundations of Vietnam since feudal time up to now on the possession, real management and exploitation as well as defence of national sovereignty in the two islands of Paracel and Spratly. Both historically and legally, all the documents described the consistency, the evidence and continuousness of Vietnamese sovereignty on Paracel and Spratly islands, confirming that the Paracel and Spratly islands are of Vietnam.

The most recent event of this series of information and propaganda activities for sea and islands is the 78<sup>th</sup> Exhibition and Show of Documents (held in Phú Quốc island, Kiên Giang Province, dated 17-19 March 2017) and 79<sup>th</sup> Exhibition and Show of Documents (in Bạch Long Vĩ island, Hải Phòng province, dated 24-28 March 2017). In these two exhibitions, the Social Sciences Library of Institute of Social Sciences Information, Vietnam Academy of Social Sciences, was invited to participate and show the documents.

These two above-mentioned exhibitions of documents were held in island districts in order to make the coastguard and people in islands of Phú Quốc and Bạch Long Vĩ access to historical and legal documents, enhancing the awareness of coastguard and

sea people of national sovereignty on sea and islands as well as awareness of position and mission of every sea soldier and fishman of defending sovereignty on sea and islands, of exploiting, promoting and protecting sea environment, thus contributing to educate the love of country, enhancing awareness and responsibility of officers and soldiers and people for the construction, development and defence of Fatherland.

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**National scientific workshop: 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the work *The New Life* of President Hồ Chí Minh - A theoretic and practical value for the construction movement of new rural area and civilized cities**

On 9 May 2017, in Hanoi, the Ho Chi Minh National Academy of Politics in coordination with Party Central Committee's Commission for Propaganda and Education, Party Central Committee' Commission for People Agitation, and Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development organized the national scientific workshop on 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the work "*The New Life*" of President Hồ Chí Minh - A theoretic and practical value for the construction movement of new rural area and civilized cities. This workshop is to welcome the 127<sup>th</sup> birthday anniversary of President Hồ Chí Minh (19 May 1890 - 19 May 2017) and 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his work *The New Life*. The participants in workshop were leaders of central and local organizations, ministries and departments, together with numerous experts, scientists of the Academy and from outside.

The work *The New Life* was written by President Hồ Chí Minh under the pen name Tân Sinh in March 1947, while the country entered the resistance war against French colonialist invaders. Besides the preface, this work consists of 19 parts, numerated from I to XIX, having approximately 5,800 words, presented in the way of question and answer. In this work, the President pointed out the duty and responsibility of everybody and every organization for five ways of behaviour in constructing the new life, these ways of behaviour are as follows: the eating, the clothing, the housing, the moving and the working. The essential content of new life construction is to practise the principle of being Laborious, Economical, Incorruptible and Upright in new meanings of these words, in order to construct a new rich and powerful Vietnam, enhancing material and spiritual life of everybody, bring the common benefits to nation and community, as well as the practical interests to everybody.

Through the work, the basic questions of new life, from the goal, contents, object, environment, to programme and methods of new life construction, were referred to by President Hồ Chí Minh succinctly, practically, easy to read, to understand, to remember and to effectuate.

At the workshop, the participants focused on analyzing and clarifying the theoretic values of *The New Life*. Some contents such as the construction of present new culture; the people agitation in construction of new rural area and civilized cities; moral standards of the new Vietnamese... were discussed in various aspects. Besides that, the participants also

exchanged the experiences in implementing the programme of national goals for construction of new rural area and civilized cities, at the same time putting forward the suggestions and proposals to apply the thoughts of President Hồ Chí Minh to the movement of construction of new rural area and civilized cities, to people agitation, and to construction of moral standards for the new Vietnamese.

Although appeared 70 years ago, but now *The New Life* is still a topical work, keeping entire theoretic and practical

values for the enterprise of renovation and construction of a rich, democratic, just and civilized socialist country of Vietnam. Studying *The New Life* of President Hồ Chí Minh, we will understand more clearly His opinions and thoughts in realizing this important mission of renovation and construction of country, thence could draw the solutions to overcome the shortcomings and limitations for reaching the goals of development.

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