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Scientific workshop: International Experience and Macro-micro Structure of the Encyclopedia of Vietnam (Vol. 37: International Economics)

On September 6, 2018, in Hanoi, the Academy of Social Sciences of Vietnam (VASS) organized a scientific workshop “International Experience and Macro-micro Structure of the Encyclopedia of Vietnam (Vol. 37: International Economics)”. Within the framework of the Encyclopedia of Vietnam Project under the direction and management of the Deputy Prime Minister Vu Duc Dam, Chairman of the Steering Council for the compilation of the Encyclopedia of Vietnam approved by the Prime Minister under Decision No. 1262/QĐ-TTg on July 28, 2014, the workshop discussed the implementation of the Vol. 37 of International Economics. Attending the workshop were a large number of scholars and researchers from both inside and outside VASS.

The Encyclopedia of Vietnam consists of 37 volumes with equal number of pages (1,500-2,000 pages) and about 2,000-3,000 entries (with draft volume of around 6,000 A4 pages). Particularly, the entry list of the Vol. 37 of international economics is considered to be decisive for the compilation of a dictionary of economics. Two papers were presented at the workshop, namely *International experience on compiling an encyclopedia of international economics* by Assoc. Prof., Nguyen Chien Thang, PhD. and *Macro-micro structure of an encyclopedia* by Assoc. Prof., Nguyen

An Ha, PhD. captured the audience’s attention. Thereby, the attendees discussed several issues related to how to structure the entry list, the entry position and compatibility in the Volume 37 including how to convey Vietnamese knowledge in each entry; criteria for selection of works, authors, international and Vietnamese classics, events; vertical, horizontal and diagonal and tree shaped structures of an encyclopedia, etc. At the same time, they shared the national and international experience in compiling encyclopedias of international economics.

To compile the most useful encyclopedia of economics, it’s necessary for the scholars to further delve into the international encyclopedias from such distinctive countries as France, the United Kingdom, Russia, China, etc. and learn from common knowledge and their own lessons to clarify the specific characteristics of the international economics; promote the macrostructure; structure the entries in an appropriate order; persist in implementing and completing the Project.

Closing remarks for the workshop were a general agreement on some basic issues of compiling the Encyclopedia of Vietnam in general and practical comments on the entry list of international economics in particular in order to ensure that it shall become one of the essential learning and research tools in the process of industrialization, modernization and international integration of Vietnam.

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