

INFORMATION OF SCIENTIFIC ACTIVITIES**Ethnographic Announcement
Conference 2018 “New Issues of
Ethnicity and Current Ethnic Policy of
Vietnam”**

On November 16, 2018, in Hanoi, the Institute of Ethnology (under Vietnam Academy of Social Sciences) organized the Ethnographic Announcement Conference 2018 on the subject of new issues of ethnicity and ethnic policy of Vietnam today. Representatives of the Leadership of Vietnam Academy of Social Sciences, delegates from the National Assembly's National Council, Ethnic Minority Committee, Central Theoretical Council, Ethnological and Anthropological Association of Vietnam as well as many domestic experts and scholars attended the conference.

125 reports from researchers, central and local managers interested in ethnic affairs and ethnic policy in Vietnam mentioned the ethnographic issues from many different approaches. They included new theoretical and practical issues about ethnicity and ethnic policy in Vietnam in the comparison between tradition and modernity, between Vietnam and neighboring countries, especially the situation, nature, cause, influence and forecast of movement trends of these issues; suggestions and recommendations on research orientations and subjects on ethnic groups; strategy and solutions to ethnic affairs and ethnic policy in Vietnam in the context of the new development of

the country, current regional and world situation.

Attendees agreed that the Party and the State of Vietnam have implemented many important national policies and have achieved many great results which have profound effects on the national construction and defence, strengthening and promoting the great unity block. However, at present, the issues of ethnicity and ethnic policy in Vietnam still exists and new issues need to be further researched and solved in a more timely and effective way (the economy grows quickly but not sustainably, low labor productivity, social differentiation and development gap, the widening gap between the rich and poor among regions, ethnic groups and population groups, and the rapidly changing culture of ethnic groups, degradation of natural resources, climate change and natural disasters, etc). Meanwhile, the process of planning and implementing ethnic policies is still limited, inadequate, not really meeting the needs of the general development of Vietnam and the ethnic groups in the new situation.

The published results and the opinions exchanged at the conference will contribute to providing a scientific foundation to build and successfully implement ethnic policies as well as solve well the issues of ethnicity in Vietnam in the context of innovation and international integration.

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