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TRAN THI MINH NGOC (Chief Editor, 2018), **The Middle Class in Social Development and Social Development Management in Vietnam**, Social Sciences Publishing House, Hanoi, 464 pp.

The middle class in a transitional society like Vietnam, not only plays a big role in renewing the growth model but also creates a new way of life, a new way of living, creating and spreading culture, generating a diversity of goods and services in market economy conditions, and adapting to the knowledge economy. The book provides fundamental concepts for basic research and policy making on the middle class in social development and social development management in Vietnam today; identifies a number of breakthrough directions to improve the theory of social development and social development management in Vietnam for the period of 2011-2020, with a vision to 2021-2030; elucidates the role of the middle class in the social development of Vietnam in the past 30 years of renovation as well as the impact of the middle class on other social classes, etc. The book is presented in four chapters: Chapter 1 - Theoretical basis and research methods; Chapter 2 - Experiences of countries in the world in foster the middle class and promoting their roles; Chapter 3 - The middle class in social development and social development management in Vietnam during the renovation period; Chapter 4 - Orientations and solutions to foster the middle class and promote their roles in social development and

management of social development in Vietnam today.

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LE ANH VU (2018), **Economic Growth and Social Sustainable Development of Northern Coastal Provinces** (Monograph), Social Sciences Publishing House, Hanoi, 215pp.

The Northern coastal provinces (the Northern Coastal Region) include Quang Ninh, Thai Binh, Nam Dinh, Ninh Binh and Hai Phong City, which make up a major area of Vietnam's marine strategy. It's a dynamic development area with a favorable investment environment and a high quality of life. In recent years, the Northern coastal provinces have achieved a relatively high growth rate but at the same time revealed the limitations in sustainable development. The book consists of 3 chapters. Chapter 1 clarifies the theoretical basis for the impact of economic growth on social sustainable development and summerizes international experiences (case study of China, Malaysia and Sweden) in connecting economic growth with social sustainable development. Chapter 2 gives an overview of economic growth in the Northern coastal provinces from 2006 to present (in each province/city), thereby analyzes the effects of economic growth on social sustainable development in the region and highlights some critical issues. On that basis, chapter 3 provides perspectives, orientations and solutions to connect economic growth with social sustainable development in the northern coastal provinces by 2020.

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