

NEW BOOKS IN SOCIAL SCIENCES LIBRARY

LE XUAN SANG (Editor, 2021), **Barriers to economic growth in Vietnam - identification and solutions to remove in the new context**, Social Science Publishing House, Hanoi, 344 pp.

The book is the result of the Ministry-level Project “Vietnam’s Economy 2018-2019: Removing barriers to growth” to propose a series of orientations and solutions to remove barriers to economic growth and promote quality growth in Vietnam in the medium and long term based on assessing the factors of production, identifying growth barriers and causes in the past time, taking into account opportunities and challenges in the new national context. The book consists of 4 chapters.

Chapter 1 analyzes the economic context of the world and Vietnam in the period 2016-2019 according to factors that directly affect economic growth from three aspects, namely, the components of aggregate demand and supply and the impacts of the three factors of the time, the geoeconomic-geopolitical position, and human factor/trust.

Chapter 2 identifies major existing barriers to Vietnam’s economic growth in terms of factors of production (capital, labor, and composite factor productivity).

Chapter 3 evaluates Vietnam’s efforts in removing barriers to economic growth in recent times, analyzing achievements, limitations, and causes.

Chapter 4 provides viewpoints, orientations, and policy solutions to remove barriers to Vietnam’s economic growth by 2025, with a vision for 2030, taking into account the new development context.

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PHAM LAN OANH (Editor, 2021), **Sea and island folklore in the Southern region**, National Army Publishing House, Hanoi, 404 pp.

The South of Vietnam is a densely populated area, spread over 9 provinces. The coastal and island communities in the South have contributed many unique values and brought Southern cultural characteristics to Vietnamese culture. The book further clarifies the folklore of these communities through three aspects, namely, marine exploitation, marine adaptation, and protection of national sovereignty over the sea.

The book consists of 3 chapters.

Chapter 1 deals with the cultural space of the South and the folklore of the Southern seas and islands, from the administrative geography of the Southern provinces, and historical characteristics of the region to the subjects and objects of the Southern sea and island folklore.

Chapter 2 approaches the elements of maritime folklore, using folklore terminology systems (proverbs and sayings, singing in the river, lyric poems and songs,...); beliefs and festivals (cult of whale worshiping, worship the four goddesses “Đại Càn Quốc Gia Nam Hải”, and forsaken spirits,...); folk knowledge (knowledge about nature, weather, traditional professions, cuisine, etc.); folk architectural and visual arts (tomb, communal house, shrine, pagoda); folk performing arts.

Chapter 3 discusses the preservation and promotion of the values of the folklore of the southern seas and islands, such as

historical values and those that reflect the people of the southern seas and islands over the past 300 years.

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NGUYEN SONG TUNG (Editor, 2021), **Wetland management associated with socio-economic development in the coastal area of the Red River Delta**, Social Science Publishing House, Hanoi, 416 pp.

The wetland area in the coastal area of the Red River Delta is assessed to have a high level of biodiversity, which is reflected in the diversity of wetland types, in particular, mangroves, tidal flats, and estuarine waters are specific and important local and national ecosystems. However, at present, wetlands in this area are under great pressure due to the process of industrialization, urbanization, and the impacts of climate change. The good management of these wetlands will greatly contribute to maintaining the sustainability and ability to provide wetland ecosystem services, ensure food security and contribute to the regional economy on the one hand, and regulate climate, balance the materials of ecosystems, mitigate natural disasters and negative impacts of climate change in coastal areas on the other hand.

Three chapters clarify the theoretical basis and practical experience of wetland management and its relationship with socio-economic development in coastal areas (chapter 1); analyze the current management and use of three main types of wetlands (wet rice-growing land, mangrove land, aquaculture land) which play a great role in the socio-economic development of coastal areas in the Red River Delta (chapter 2); then propose solutions to

manage wetlands associated with socio-economic development in the coastal area in the Red River Delta (chapter 3).

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PHAM THI THUY NGA (Editor, 2021), **Legal guarantees to exercise the rights of internal migrant workers in Vietnam**, Information and Communication Publishing House, Hanoi, 280 pp.

Internal migrant labor is not simply a population movement and redistribution in localities within a country, but a process of reorganizing people's living environment and thus giving rise to many social problems. While the rights of internal migrant workers have all been recognized and realized by Vietnamese law through rights protection mechanisms in line with the country's socio-economic development process and international commitments to which Vietnam has joined, some rights have not been fully implemented for various reasons, preventing migrant workers from exercising their rights such as the right to social security, the right to safe living conditions, the right to safe and hygienic working conditions, the right not to be discriminated against, and the right to privacy. Therefore, it is necessary to develop legal guarantees to exercise the rights of migrant workers.

The book consists of 3 chapters. Chapter 1 presents a literature review on the theoretical basis to ensure the legal basis of the rights of internal migrant workers. Chapter 2 analyzes the current situation of legal guarantees of the rights of migrant workers in Vietnam. Chapter 3 provides directions and solutions to improve this situation in Vietnam.

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