

SECOND ANNUAL CIVIL SOCIETY CONFERENCE

DEVELOPMENT PHILOSOPHIES: LESSON LEARNED AND DIRECTION FOR VIETNAM'S FUTURE

The success or failure of a nation is largely dependent on its development philosophies, which will dictate the creation of its policy and institutions. Vietnam is not an exceptional case. The successes and failures, opportunities and challenges of Vietnam nowadays result from its choices in the past.

After 30 years since Doi Moi, there have been a great number of lessons that Vietnam could review and adjust its development philosophies. In order to help analyzing the successes and failures, challenges and obstacles, understanding the lessons for further development as well as role of civil society actors in this development process, the Second Annual Civil Society Conference in 2017 is dedicated to the topic of “Development Philosophies: Lesson Learned and Direction for Vietnam's Future”. Conference’s information is as follows:

- **Venue:** Hanoi Hotel Club, 76 Yên Phụ Street, Tây Hồ District, Hà Nội;
- **Timing:** from 8.30 – 17.00 on **8/6/2017** to 8.30 – 12.00 on **9/6/2017**
- **Tentative agenda:** please scroll down for the tentative agenda.

Organizing Board would like to invite organizations and individuals who are interested in development philosophies applied in Vietnam and role of civil society actors to participate in the conference, and together develop appropriate philosophies for the future of Vietnam. It is kindly requested that all interested organizations and individuals should register at the link: http://bit.ly/dangky_registration_HTXHDS2 or send an email to: ppwgvietnam@gmail.com before **17.00 Monday, 5/6/2017** for proper logistic preparation.

It is our honor to receive you at the conference!

On behalf of Organizing Board



Mr. Lê Quang Bình

Chairman of People’s Participation Working Group (PPWG)

The Organizing Board comprises six civil society networks: People’s Participation Working Group (PPWG), Ethnic Minority Working Group (EMWG), Human Rights Space (HRS), Group on Governance and Administration Reform (GPAR), Gender and Community Development Network (GENCOMNET), and Alliance on Health and Equality (PAHE).

TENTATIVE AGENDA

Morning of 8/6/2017: Plenary Session On Development Philosophies of Vietnam

This session is about development philosophies applied in institutional development and policy choices in Vietnam since the launching of Doi Moi policy in 1986. Experts and participants are encouraged to analyse successes as well as any negative impacts to economy, society, culture, and environment in Vietnam. Institutional choices and role of civil society to development will also be discussed in this session.

Moderator: Ph.D. Phạm Quang Tú

8.30 – 8.45	Opening speech <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>MA. Lương Minh Ngọc – On behalf of Organizing Board</i>
8.45 – 9.30	Development philosophies applied in Vietnam's economy and society since 1986: Achievement and Impacts. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>PhD. Nguyễn Đức Thành, Director of Vietnam Institute for Economic and Policy Research;</i>
9.30 – 10.15	Panel discussion on development philosophies and impacts. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Mr. Trần Tiến Đức; Chairman of PAHE</i>• <i>Assoc. Prof. PhD. Phạm Quỳnh Phương, Institute of Cultural Studies, Vietnam Academy of Social Sciences;</i>• <i>PhD. Nguyễn Đức Thành, Director of Vietnam Institute for Economic and Policy Research;</i>
10.15 – 10.45	Tea-break
10.45 – 12.00	Plenary discussion
12.00 – 13.00	Lunch time

Afternoon of 8/6/2017: Parallel sessions

Parallel session: Development philosophies in culture, society and institution building.

This session is about role of human rights values such as freedom, equality and dignity as well as belief in society and institutional building. Also, experts and participants will debate which philosophies should be promoted to make Vietnam become a nation of democracy, humanity, equality and freedom. Roles of relevant stakeholders especially civil society actors will be a part of this discussion.

Moderator: Ph.D. Andrew Wells-Dang

	Human rights and rights-based approach in charity-based activities to development programs <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>MA. Nghiêm Hoa, Coordinator of HRS</i>
13.30 – 17.00	Significance of right to access to information and right to freedom of expression in society and institutional building <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Independent expert: Mr. Huy Duc</i>
	Significance of belief-based organizations and arts in society and culture development <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>PhD. Nguyễn Đức Thành, Director of Vietnam Institute for Economic and Policy Research</i>
	Plenary discussion

Parallel session: Philosophies in areas of environment and ecology

This session is to analyze environmental and ecological issues from perspectives of justice and equality, and related gaps in public management and citizens' participation in Vietnam. This session will also highlight reasons for degraded and polluted environment without strong engagement of citizens in Vietnam. Does this situation result from shortage of community building for social movements to help manage and protect environment effectively?

Moderator: MA. Lê Quang Bình

	Environmental justice: international experience and policy direction for Vietnam <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>MA. Lê Thị Nam Hương, Staff of UNDP in Vietnam</i>
13.30 – 17.00	Review cases of environmental pollution and lessons for Vietnam <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>BA. Nguyễn Hoàng Phương, independent expert</i>
	Philosophies in community empowerment for social movements in Vietnam <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>MA. Nguyễn Thị Bích Tâm, Coordinator of HRS</i>
	Plenary discussion

Morning of 9/6/2017: Plenary discussion on future direction for Vietnam

Experts and participants will discuss and propose crucial philosophies for future development of Vietnam. Aspects of role of the State, market and civil society will also be part of discussion.

Moderator: MA. Nguyễn Thị Bích Tâm

8.30 – 9.15	Philosophies for the future of Vietnam <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Economist. Phạm Chi Lan</i>
9.15 – 10.30	Panel discussion on development philosophies for the future of Vietnam <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>PhD. Đặng Hoàng Giang, Vice Director of CECODES</i>• <i>PhD. Andrew Wells-Dang, Senior Advisor of Oxfam</i>• <i>MA. Lê Quang Bình, Chairman of PPWG</i>• <i>Economist. Phạm Chi Lan</i>• <i>Assoc. Prof. PhD. Lê Minh Giang, Lecturer at Hanoi Medical University</i>
10.30 – 11.45	Plenary discussion
11.45 – 12.00	Conclusion for the second annual civil society conference <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Mr. Trần Tiến Đức – On behalf of the Organizing Board</i>

Closing!