

SOCIOLOGICAL REVIEW

Editorial: *Strive to live up to readers's expectations and beliefs*

The editorial in this volume of The Sociological Review is written on the occasion of the 20th anniversary of The Sociological Review publication. Having taken its functions and tasks during the last 20 years, the Sociological Review has grown up along with the development of The Institute of Sociology and the world of sociologists in Vietnam. Up to present, the Sociological Review is the only scientific forum for the world of sociologists. Reviewing 20 years of building, developing and taking that as the basis for public activities in the future, the Sociological Review will strive for the sake of social science development and for the audiences' faith and love.

TRINH DUY LUAN

Twenty-year construction and development of the institute of sociology

On occasion of 20 years anniversary of the IOS, the author made an exclusive summary on achievements in sociological research and training that the IOS have gained during last more than 20 years. In the context of transformation of Vietnamese society, sociological research has been contributing a lot to improvement of understanding the social changes in different areas and to area of policy making.

IOS also develops large cooperation relations with many foreign universities, research institutions in its research and training activities, through which the institute becomes more capable to meet demands and requirements of society and policy makers at present.

Now IOS is well known in Vietnam as the most prestige research institution in sociology with high-qualified researchers and great capacities in theoretical and applied, empirical studies on social problems of Vietnam society in transition.

MAI VAN HAI

From central - planning to decentralization of irrigation at grassroots levels

Reviewing irrigation system reform in Vietnam from central- planning and subsidized to decentralized mechanism under the process of market economy, the author thinks that it is a change adapted to the rule. According to him, however, in order to performed suitably and effectively, even inside the villages and with the participation of important rural social institutions, the process of renewing the irrigation management must be accompanied by the regulating role of the State.

DANG CANH KHANH

Family culture in social structure's dimenssions

From the two dimensions: structural functionalism and longitudinal approach of family structure, the article has analyzed the relationships between these factors and family culture as well as shown the role of family in preserving, educating traditional cultural values.

TON THIEN CHIEU

Impacts of recruit sources on workers' qualities (the case of Hanoi city)

Basing on the findings of the research on workers in Hanoi City, the article points out the additional resources of the labor force, analyzes how those influence the quality of the labor force.

From the findings about education, profession to those about the workers' awareness on their role and process of participation in common activities, the author has given three recommendations to improve the quality of the labor force.

BUI QUANG DUNG

A rapid appraisal of the Meena experiment program in Vietnam

This article is based on the findings of an assessment research of the Meena experiment program in Vietnam by the Institute of Sociology and Unicef in 2003. It also provides some evidences of the media's differences in geography, region, race, education and social economical conditions. It is shown from the first two experimental phases in 8 provinces over the country that the program has had some good effects on changing the community's awareness on children's rights in local provinces, especially on those children in the remote areas and in ethnic minority regions.

TO DUY HOP, MAI HUY BICH,

LE THI MONG PHUONG and NGUYEN THI MINH PHUONG

The insitute of sociology in our eyes

On the occasion of the 20th anniversary of The Institute of Sociology and Sociological Review, the column Events and Judge in this volume reports the warm meeting among generations of managers of The Institute. There are also some experiences in the Institute of authors: To Duy Hop, Mai Huy Bich, Le Mong Phuong, Nguyen Thi Minh Phuong.

BUI THE CUONG

Towards sociological theories: evolutionism

The article introduces the evolution perspective in sociology through its different phases and approaches. The classical evolution sociology is mentioned with the name of A. Comte, K. Marx, H. Spencer and E. Durkheim. The second phase of evolution sociology is established by the Chicago School as well as by the urban ecology, and A.H. Hawley's macroecology, etc. The organizational ecology advanced by M. Hannan and J. Freeman is also described. The new evolution sociology, third phase, is introduced with the ideas of Lenskis, S.K. Sanderson, N. Luhmann and J. Habermas. The article is concluded by the comment that the evolution perspective is rarely used in social research in Viet Nam, but it would be useful in development studies and policies.