

ACTION PROGRAM
"INCREASING THE QUALITY OF RESEARCH
AND TRAINING OF SOCIOLOGY TO MEET
THE COUNTRY'S NEEDS FOR
INDUSTRIALIZATION AND ODERNIZATION
(2001 - 2005)

I. THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE PROGRAM

This is the action program developed by all sociologists in the country to integrate training and research in order to promote the capacity of Vietnamese Sociology.

II. THE FOUNDATIONS OF THE PROGRAM

- Strategy and the tasks of the development of Social Sciences and Humanities for period 2001-2010 stated at the ninth Conference of the Vietnamese Communist Party.

- Results of workshops held in Hanoi, Hue and Ho Chi Minh City and the First National Sociology Conferences held at School of Social Sciences and Humanities, Hanoi National University on April 24-27. 2001.

III. OBJECTIVES AND SOLUTIONS

1. Promote capacity and standards of sociologist staff

2. Revision of curriculum and teaching methods

3. Develop the mechanism to coordinate the activities of educational institutions (Universities, colleges) and research institutes and centers

4. Develop and increase the quality of information-documentation-library system and Sociology textbook system

5. Develop the network of Sociologists and preparation for establishing Vietnam's Sociological Association.

These objectives will be completed in detailed programs as follows:

**Program 1: Promote the capacity of
Sociological Staff**

1. Objective

- Re-train, modernize and upgrade knowledge for sociologists (theoretical and methodological knowledge)
- Set the standards for sociologists.

2. Measures:

2.1. Develop a long-term training program to upgrade qualification of sociologists. Coordinate different agencies in organizing annual training courses to upgrade qualifications of sociologists.

In the coming two years (2001-2002) invite foreign and local experts to provide education and training in sociological theories and methodologies.

2.2. Coordinate different universities and institutes in improving qualifications for young sociologists via sociology teaching and researching.

2.3. Coordinate between the Department of Sociology of the University of Social sciences and humanities and The Institute of Sociology in the establishing qualification indicators of sociologists in Vietnam.

Program 2. Revising teaching curricula and methodologies in sociology

1. Objective

- In 2001, complete the revision of undergraduate and graduate education program (in sociology) and sociological programs for specialized faculties and universities.

- In 2001-2002, sociological education and training units will have important changes in education methods in sociology.

2. Measures

- Sociology education units needs to coordinate with the Council in sociology under the Ministry of Education and Training in revising undergraduate and post-graduate (2001).

- In 2001, the Department of Sociology of the University of Social Sciences and Humanities will develop an experiment lab in sociology (in 2001).

- Create good environment for sociology students to participate in researches and do the field work at different sociological research institutions.

- Coordinate in organizing discussions, seminars in sociology teaching methodologies (2001-2002 school years the Department of Sociology of the University of Social sciences and humanities is responsible for this job).

- To improve the quality of sociology teaching, sector Council will coordinate with institutes, departments of sociology in checking the compliance of the MOET by sociology education units.

Program 3. Designing a textbook and materials/references

1. Objective

- Develop a basic textbook in sociology
- Develop a sociology terminology dictionary
- Translate a sociology dictionary from English into Vietnamese.

2. Measures

- In 2001-2002, coordinate among teaching and researching institutions in developing textbook in sociology.
- In 2001, establish a development team in sociology terminology dictionary comprising of experts from different institutions. In 2003, draft 1 will be ready.
- In 2001-2002, translate dictionaries in sociology from French and English into Vietnamese.

There will be a coordinating group for every dictionary to be translated. Groups are to develop translation projects for finance support.

Program 4. Developing and upgrading information, documentation and library system in sociology

1. Objective

- Modernize and establish an information system in sociology

2. Measures

- Every year, organize conferences to disseminate the study results, information exchange, sharing in research and teaching sociology.

- In 2001, The Institute of Sociology is responsible for developing the information website network in sociology in Vietnam. For now, it is to develop the project for finance support.

Program 5. Improving the position and role of sociological sector in Vietnam

1. Objective

- Complete the coordinating mechanism among the research and teaching institutions

- Develop the occupation network in sociology

- Functioning the Sociology Council under the MOET

- Establish the association of sociologists in Vietnam.

2. Measures

- In 2001, sociology research institutions and universities, training centers coordinate in sociology research and teaching (coordinated by the Institute of Sociology).

- In 2001, the standing committee in the coordination with teaching and research institutions develops the plan for the functioning the sociology council to submit it to the MOET.

- In 2001, The Sociological Committee of Ministry of Education and training, representatives of research and teaching sociology institutions to organize the network of the

sociologists.

- In 2001, re-establish the preparatory committee for the association of sociologists in Vietnam. The Network committee is to re-establish the preparatory committee and the project for submission up.

- In 2002, The preparatory committee of the association of sociologists in Vietnam undertake the plan of the establishing the Association of sociologists in Vietnam.

After 5-year implementation of this action plan, the sociology sector in Vietnam will have:

1. The stable program system in sociology, updated to the level in the region and world.

2. A set of textbooks in some basic disciplines, special areas of sociology.

3. a sociology dictionary

4. Two translated sociology dictionaries

5. The Association of sociology has common action plan that will enable it to join international sociological organizations.

6. High qualified team of sociologists who are able to complete education and research work in this area to meet the requirements of the industrialization and modernization of the country.

7. Shaping a mechanism coordinating sociology research and training establishments in Vietnam.

For this, the following conditions are important:

1. The support by the MOET, the Ministry of Science,

Technology and Environment and other institutions, universities and institutes.

2. The internal solidarity of the sociology sector.

3. Active role of leaders of sociology research and education institutions.

4. Active assistance of international organizations

5. Funds for the implementation of the programs, mainly by the contribution and support from the international organizations.

There will be additions, amendments at the implementation of the programs to the reality of the sociology.