

PRIME MINISTER
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DIRECTIVE
On renovating HIGHER EDUCATION management
for the period of 2010 - 2012

As from implementing the renovation guidelines, under the leadership of the Communist Party of Vietnam, with great efforts of the whole people, Vietnam has developed comprehensively in all aspects, including education and training. After implementing the Strategy for educational development from 2001 to 2010, Vietnam's higher education has developed gradually and obviously in terms of scope, diversified types of institutions and training type, more mobilized social sources and achieved many positive results, provided high-level human resources for the national industrialization and modernization, making important contribution to the economic growth, social stability, ensuring national security and defense and victorious world economic integration.

However, higher education also shows many restrictions and shortcomings: Training quality in general remains low and fails to keep pace with the socio-economic development of the country; State management mechanism towards higher educational system and the management of universities and colleges remains persistently inadequate, impossible to create sufficient driving force to bring into full play creativity and self-responsibility of the lecturers, managers and students to renovate higher education strongly and basically. Investment potential of the society and foreign investors for developing higher education has not brought into full play. There are many reasons for this situation, mostly the weakness in the State management of higher education and the weakness in the management of universities and colleges by themselves.

Faced by such situation, implementing the guidance by the Prime Minister, the Ministry of Education and Training has promulgated the Action Plan for renovating higher educational management in the period 2010 - 2012, regarding it as the breakthrough to enhance quality and comprehensively develop higher education, serving as the prerequisite for the development of synchronous solutions to remedy weaknesses in the industry, enhance quality and efficiency of higher education.

Renovating higher educational management can achieve true and sustainable

results only under the resolute guidance of Party executive committees and governments at various levels; strict coordination between the organizations and the consideration of the whole society. Therefore, the Prime Minister directs :

1. It is necessary to grasp thoroughly the perception: Developing higher educational scope must be parallel with ensuring and enhancing training quality. Resolutely terminating the failure to control training quality. It is important to create mechanism and driving force in the State management and management of training institutions to achieve the objective of ensuring and enhancing training quality.
2. Regarding the renovation of higher educational management including State management on higher education and management of training institutions as the breakthrough to create comprehensive renovation of higher education, thereby ensuring and enhancing training quality, enhancing scientific research efficiency in a sustainable manner.
3. To develop the renovation of higher educational management, the Prime Minister assigns:

Ministry of Education and Training:

1. To coordinate with Vietnam Education Trade Union and Ho Chi Minh Communist Youth Union to organize discussions among all tertiary educational institutions: Why to enhance training quality, how to ensure and enhance training quality in this period ?
2. Based on comparing with the actual development of higher educational system and the targets decided in the Resolution No. 14/2005/NQ-CP dated 02 November 2005 by the Government on basic and comprehensive renovation of Vietnam higher education in the period 2006 - 2020 and the Decision No. 121/2007/QĐ-TTg dated 27 July 2007 by the Prime Minister on the Plan for network of universities and colleges, the Ministry of Education and Training coordinates with the Ministry of Planning and Investment, Ministry of Finance to renovate planning, review development targets of higher education to 2020, concurrently strengthening forecast so that the development targets and indicators of higher education are feasible and serve as basis for establishing the Strategy for educational development in the period 2011 - 2020.
3. To review, adjust, amend and supplement the promulgated legal documents, concurrently establishing and timely promulgating new legal documents on

establishing universities or colleges, recruiting students, organizing training, managing finance, managing quality, recruitment, including specifying responsibility and regime of the teacher in training and scientific research, relationship between the university/college managing board, university/college council, Party Committee, organizations in university/college so that the universities/colleges exercise self-control and self-responsibility to the society and the State under the Educational Law.

4. To carry out the Resolution No. 35/2009/QH12 dated 19 June 2009 by the 12th National Assembly on the guidelines and orientation of renovating some financial mechanisms in education and training from the academic year 2010 - 2011 to the academic year 2014 - 2015. Guide and check the application of new ceiling tuition fee by universities/colleges, i.e. increasing tuition fees associated with specific solutions to enhance training quality. Effectively carry out tuition fee exemption policies, student credit policies and offset exempted tuition fees for the universities/colleges.

5. To coordinate with the Ministry of Construction to establish and implement the Construction Plan for universities in the provinces and cities; plan and build student dormitories. Plan and build the system of universities and colleges in Hanoi Capital Region and Ho Chi Minh City Region. Carry out the project for building student dormitories for universities and colleges with a view to creating more accommodations for 200,000 students by 2011.

6. To consult the Government in dividing management levels for universities, colleges by clarifying State management responsibility between the Ministry of Education and Training and the Ministries and Branches managing university/college and the People's Committee of provinces and cities to check and supervise universities and colleges in the locality.

Strongly divide responsibilities among universities, concurrently bringing into full play the self-control, self-responsibility and self-management of universities/colleges based on the State regulations and universities, strengthening the supervision and inspection by the State, the society and such universities/colleges.

7. To check and speed up the fulfillment of commitments by the universities/colleges in the project for building universities/colleges, material facilities, lecturers, programs and syllabuses to ensure and gradually enhance training quality; work out strict handling mechanism towards the universities after 3 years of establishment which fail to meet criteria and conditions of a

university/college as committed by the investors. Boost up inspecting associated training, in-service training, remote training, master and doctoral training.

8. To further boost up the training guidelines to the social need; organize preliminary summing up and assessment for 3 years (2008 - 2010) the training to the social need and build up training plan to the social need at national level, in each locality and each training institution.

9. To promote the assessment and verification of higher educational quality in the direction of accelerating the self-assessment of universities and colleges, gradually verifying universities and colleges; setting up standard and formulating some independent higher educational quality inspection agencies.

10. To increase management capacity of the Rectors and Vice Rectors of universities/colleges in setting up title standard, university/college leader planning in the period 2010 - 2015 and fostering higher educational management.

11. To enhance management capacity and scientific research at universities, contributing actively to enhancing training quality and serving socioeconomic development.

12. To guide and inspect universities/colleges in setting up university/college development strategy in the period 2011 - 2015, meeting the national requirement and higher education in the present context.

Ministries, Branches:

To actively coordinate with the Ministry of Education and Training in directing subsidiary higher educational institutions specialized in building up and carrying out the Action Plan for renovating higher educational management in the period 2010 - 2012, establishing (or reviewing or adjusting) university/college development strategy in the period 2011 - 2015; based on the State management function of the Ministries and departments, study, supplement and finish management mechanisms and policies to meet the development requirement of the whole tertiary educational system; notify the Ministry of Education and Training of the implementation result to summarize and report to the Prime Minister.

Chairman of the People's Committee of provinces and cities directly under the Central Government:

To coordinate strictly with the Ministry of Education and Training in directing the educational management agencies and higher educational institutions to establish and implement the Action Plan for renovating higher educational management in the period 2010 - 2012; coordinate strictly with the Ministry of Education and Training in exercising the State management task in higher educational according to the level division by the Prime Minister; notify to the Ministry of Education and Training of the implementation result to summarize and report to the Prime Minister.

Ministry of Information - Communication:

To coordinate with the Ministry of Education and Training in directing press agencies in propagandizing, supporting the renovation of higher educational management.

Vietnam Television and Radio Voice of Vietnam:

To coordinate with the Ministry of Education and Training in opening the Periodical propaganda column on implementing the Action Plan for renovating higher educational management.

Ministers, Heads of Ministry-ranking agencies, Heads of Governmental agencies, Chairman of the People's Committee of provinces and cities directly under the Central Government take responsibility for organizing and carrying out this Directive.

The Minister of Education and Training is responsible for annually summarizing and reporting the implementation result of this Directive of the Ministries, Branches and Localities throughout the country to the Government.

PRIME MINISTER

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