The attraction and use of ODA in the higher education in Vietnam

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Abstract:

Thanks to the increase in the international and regional economic integration and the constant expanding of Vietnam’s international relations, higher education in Vietnam has had many good changes. The Official Development Assistance (ODA) for the higher education sector becomes extremely important. The attraction and use of ODA in the higher education have made a large contribution to the improvement of the higher education environment in Vietnam, but there is also inadequacy. Therefore, how to attract and use ODA for social and economic development in general and for higher education development in particular is an urgent problem, which should be researched in terms of both theory and reality.

What are the outstanding roles and characteristics of ODA in Vietnam's higher education? Which lessons can we draw from some countries’ experiences in the attraction and use of ODA for their higher education? Which factors affect ODA’s attraction and use in terms of both positive and negative? What are the prospects to attract ODA in Vietnam's higher education and its opportunities and challenges after the year 2010? Which solutions can be used to enhance the attraction and use of ODA for higher education in Vietnam? Those would be the main contents mentioned in this project.

Through international conferences and workshops from 1993 to 2010, the Ministry of Education and Training has attracted a significant amount of ODA for the higher education in order to improve its environment and to make Vietnam gradually integrate into the general trend of higher education in the world in terms of size and quality.

Despite the improvements in the attraction and use of ODA in Vietnam's higher education sector, the attraction, management and use of ODA in Vietnam’s higher education exists many issues that need to be considered, researched in order to enhance the attraction of this capital.

In the future, to achieve the objectives of the education development strategy in general and those of higher education in particular, it must be invested more in the education sector because education in the twenty-first century is the key toward a better world.