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**“Decentralization and  
delegation during PAR  
process in Vietnam”**

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# Background of decentralization in Vietnam

- Vietnam is a unified unity state of an 83 million population. Local governments are broken down into 3 levels
  - + *provincial level: 64 units*
  - + *district level: 670 districts, towns and cities*
  - + *communal level: 11,000 communes, wards and townships*
- Organizational structure of the government
  - + *1 Prime Minister*
  - + *3 Deputy Prime Minister*
  - + *26 Ministers*

# Background of decentralization in Vietnam

- The PAR Master Program (2001-2010) of the government of Vietnam is a strategic document on reforming state administrative apparatus with a really challenging goal which is *building a democratic, publicized, transparent, clean, strong, effective, efficient, professionalized and gradually modernizing public administration*
- One important objective of the PAR MP is to develop institutions on central-local decentralization, which will result in sufficient mandate and responsibilities for local governments to proactively and creatively provide good governance towards grassroots democracy

# Some results of decentralization and delegation in Vietnam

- Resolution No. 08/2004/NQ-CP on stepping up decentralization between the government and authorities of centrally-administered provinces, cities
  - + *decentralization of the management of planning, plans and investment for development*
  - + *decentralization of state budget management*
  - + *decentralization of the management of land, natural resources and state assets*
  - + *decentralization of the management of state-owned enterprises*
  - + *decentralization of the management of public service delivery*
  - + *decentralization of the management of the organizational structure and cadres, civil servants*

# Some results of decentralization and delegation in Vietnam

- \*The government is considering to decide upon further decentralization of the fields and specialization of 24 Ministries in the time to come in order to create the synchrony in decentralization
- \* In the reform programme of the second phase (2006-2010), the Government of Vietnam will continue to prepare a draft law on decentralization

# Priorities in current decentralization in Vietnam

- i) *Decentralization and delegation should be correctly perceived within the state administrative system in order to overcome obstacles to decentralization which affect compartmental powers of each level of the governments*

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- ii) *Functions of the government and local governments at all levels will be adjusted in line with legal institutions in the market economy*

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iii) *The legal systems on decentralization and delegation will be further perfected*



**Thank you!**