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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 unitary 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!