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**RESULT REPORT
ON GUARANTEEING THE RIGHT OF JOURNALISTS - MEMBERS
OF VIETNAM JOURNALIST'S ASSOCIATION**

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**I. GENERAL INTRODUCTION ABOUT VIETNAM JOURNALIST'S
ASSOCIATION**

1. Nature

Vietnam Journalist's Association (hereinafter referred to as Association) is a political, social, occupation organization of newspaper makers of Vietnam; it was established on 21/04/1950. The Association operates in accordance with the regulations of the law and the Charter of the Association. The Association is the member of Vietnamese Fatherland Front. The Association has cooperation relation with many newspaper organizations of the countries in the region and in the world in accordance with the regulations of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam and internal practices.

Total members at present are over 19,000, they operate in 292 basis organizations of the Association, in which there are 63 Journalists Associations of the provinces, cities directly under the central government, 19 joint-branches, over 200 directly under branches belonging to newspaper agencies.

2. Operation purpose

Journalist Association gathers, units, encourages the journalist to promote the creation talent, together with socio-political, socio-economic, cultural organizations and the people of the whole country to try their best in building a Vietnam country with wealthy people, strong country, democracy, equality and civilization.

The Association represents the legal control right, aspiration and interest of newspaper maker of Vietnam. The Association contributes to building Vietnam newspaper to be the voice of the Party, State, socio-political organizations, social, occupational organizations and the forum of the people.

The Association cooperates with democratic, advanced newspaper organizations of the countries in the region and in the world, is active in contributing into the implementation of wide external affairs policies of the Party and the State on the spirit that Vietnam will be friend with all countries for the peace, national independence, democracy and social progress.

3. Operation sphere, head office, juridical personality

Vietnam Journalist's Association operates in the sphere of entire country; name in English is Vietnam Journalist's Association (VJA).

Head office of Vietnam Journalist's Association is in Hanoi capital and head office of Representative Office is in Ho Chi Minh City.

Vietnam Journalist's Association has juridical personality, has the seal (wet seal, raised seal, reduced wet seal), and opens the account at the State Treasury and the Bank.

II. REPORT ON ACHIEVED RESULT IN GUARANTEEING THE RIGHTS OF JOURNALISTS - MEMBERS OF VIETNAM JOURNALIST'S ASSOCIATION

1- Over the past years, the members - journalists working at the Press agencies in the whole country contributed actively and efficiently to implementing the internal and external affairs information duties, serving the work of building, developing and protecting the country. The Press had active

contributions to expanding the information, improving the awareness, thinking and politics for the people.

The Press really becomes sharp thought weapon, efficient tool of the State and people in informing, struggling against, preventing from corruption, waste, bureaucracy and social evils. Many negative cases were discovered, taken to the light by the Press. The Press had important contribution in the work of external affairs information, information about traditional cultural value of the nation, stepped up the international integration, improved the position of Vietnam in the region and the world, made the world increasingly understand deeply and unite with Vietnam; at the same time, struggled against wrong viewpoints which divide the national unity, destroy the work of construction and protection of the country.

2. The operation of Association levels were deployed in a diversified, plentiful way, attained many essential results, focused on 05 contents:

- Firstly, promoting the achievements of the previous term, being determined to overcome the shortcomings, weaknesses so that Journalist's Association is worthy of the role as a political, social, occupational organization of the newspaper makers of Vietnam.

- Secondly, organizing, encouraging the members - journalists to actively grasp thoroughly, propagandize deeply and widely the guideline and policy of the Party, policy and law of the State.

- Thirdly, practicing, improving the political awareness, occupational ethics, professional skills of the members to create high quality newspaper works about thought and operations.

- Fourthly, by many plentiful, practical and efficient forms, gathering, uniting and attracting the members who actually have a strong attachment to the Association, strengthening the measures on protecting the legal operation right of the journalists, at the same time, raising the social responsibility, citizen obligation.

- Fifthly, expanding the external affairs relation with the countries, regions in the world to exchange the operation experience, exploiting the sponsoring sources for the work of cultivating the operations and modernizing the newspaper making technology.

Work of building, organizing the Association: The Association levels were relatively strict in implementing the Charter of the Association and the guidance of Central Association. After the Charter (amended, supplemented) of the Association was approved at the 9th General Meeting in August 2010, the Central Association had the document guiding the execution of the Charter and sent to the Association levels for implementation. The information about the operation and work of the Association was popularized widely in improved website of the Association in order to transfer to the members.

The Association levels strengthened the organization after general meeting, consolidated the specialized leadership apparatus, and improved the working condition. Being cared by the government levels on material and spirit, the Journalist's Associations of provinces, cities which previously had limited operation condition, now the situation is improved, there is no longer the state of "3 no, no personnel, no budget, no head office". Every Association has personnel, separate head office or working room, is equipped with working facilities. The operation expenditure is improved, ensures the activities. Many basis organization of the Association had activities of supporting information, coordinating to publish newspaper in order to have more expenditure for operation.

The joint-branches, branches of Journalist directly under the Center were also strengthened in term of organization, deployed the operation more efficiently. The host agencies, leader of ministries, boards, sectors, unions, political, economic, social organizations facilitated in terms of spirit and material for the joint-branches, branches of Journalist to operate.

The number of members increased strongly after the 9th general meeting up to now. The Association levels made procedures on admitting thousands of members, total members of Vietnam Journalist's Association are up over 19,000 members, increased 3,000 in comparison with the term beginning.

The emulation work of the Association was improved. The form of emulation - operation of cluster of Journalist's Associations according to the region showed to be rather efficient; it is being expanded to facilitate the members in exchanging, meeting, and learning experience.

Every year, the Central Association considered and awarded the Campaign medal for the career of Vietnam Press to eligible members who have working time of 20 years for male and 15 years for female.

The members - journalists actively participated in the social, charitable activities, mobilized to contribute money, properties to support the people suffering from natural calamities, helped the people with difficult situations and the localities with economic difficulty.

Operations work: Board of Operations was the head for holding the deployment and had many forms of implementing the work relating to the operations such as holding the conference on operations, scientific workshop, holding the Press prize annually. In 2012, the Association coordinated with the units inside and outside the country to hold 08 national and international scientific workshops with the content such as Communications culture, Ethics of press career in exploiting and treating the news source, Press with issue of building new rural area, Press with the work of struggling against and preventing from crime, etc... From the beginning of 2013 up to now, the Association coordinated with units inside and outside the country to hold 04 scientific workshops with plentiful contents, attracted hundreds of delegates from many Journalist's Association, press agencies in the whole country such as Scientific held by Vietnam Journalist's Association in coordination with KAS Institute (Federal Republic of Germany) in Can Tho city with the subject "Role

of the Press in preventing, mitigating the impact of climate change”, operations workshop, held multi-direction forum “Hunger elimination, poverty reduction and sustainable growth”. Besides, the Association coordinated with the ministries, sectors to hold specialty press prizes, held and monitored, guided the Association levels to implement efficiently the Project for supporting the creation of high quality press work under the decision by the Prime Minister in order to improve the quality of the press in general.

The annual national press prize was awarded on the occasion of Vietnam revolution press day 21/6 so that the prize has more significance, the prize attracted many members and units to participate; it was evaluated as the important activity to contribute to improving the press knowledge of the country.

Work of cultivating the operations: The work of cultivating the press operations was cared. Center for press operations cultivation combined to use the expenditure issued by the State and support expenditure of foreign country and international press organizations to hold the cultivation courses on types of press.

Every year, Center for press operations cultivation holds 40 - 45 short-term operations cultivation courses for members - journalists, in which, there are the classes instructed by foreign lecturers, holds many workshops, attracts many members - journalists. The operations cultivation classes focus on improving the skills, techniques of making newspaper such as writing about portrait, interview and reportage, design and presentation of newspaper, strategy on developing the press content, press business strategy, development of press on platform of new equipment, radio - television reportage, advertisement... In 2012, Center for press operations cultivation held 40 operations cultivation classes for nearly 900 members. From the beginning of 2013 up to now, the Center held nearly 30 operations cultivation classes for over 600 members, increased 40% compared to the same period in 2012. The workshops about subject: Development tendency of printed newspaper, future of printed newspaper, press operations

learning classes and press workshops were cared and high evaluated by many Association levels and members.

Work of culture, sports: Culture house is the unit at department level manages this operation field, in which focusing on the activity of operations clubs, holding Spring press festival, other culture and sports activities. Apart from 14 specialty press clubs directly under the central government which are operating, in 63 Journalist's Associations of the provinces and cities have female journalist, elderly journalist club with plentiful professional activities, operations exchange sessions, exhibitions attracting many members to participate on the basis of voluntary.

Checking work: The Association levels always care about the checking work, in which they pay attention about checking the implementation of the Charter of the Association, the implementation of Regulations on occupational ethics of newspaper makers of Vietnam, about operation of the Association and settlement of the cases relating to the right to carry out a profession of the journalist.

Over the past time, the Checking Board of the Association did many works under the direction of checking the press activity and implementing the right to carry out a profession of the members. The Board received and treated the claims relating to the issue that member - journalist was obstructed, assaulted as implementing the duties, and the lawsuits that journalists reflected wrong information, affected to the material and spirit of the victim. The Board coordinated with appropriate authorities to invest, clarify in order to protect the legal right to carry out of profession of the members - journalists.

III. SOME CHALLENGES

Through the activities of professional boards, Association levels and Central Association Agency, Vietnam Journalist's Association contributed actively to guarantee the basic rights of the members, in which there is the right to carry out of profession legally. However, in the context of general difficulties of the economy in the world and inside the country, the press is facing with

many difficulties and challenges, especially the printed newspaper is being reduced the number of publication; advertisement revenue is low.

The cases of assaulting the journalist as implementing the duties have tendency of increasing. In addition, a small part of the press, journalists - members violated the regulations on occupational ethics, sometimes, there was the information which is different from the truth, they did not comply strictly with the information discipline. In front of the situation above, Vietnam Journalist's Association step by step overcame the difficulties and challenges by strengthening the education on politics, thought, learning and working under the example of State President Ho Chi Minh, especially the his style of making newspaper. The Association deployed comprehensively the aspects of work, guaranteed that the members - journalists completed well the assigned duties, did well the work of press information, and strictly implemented the Regulations on occupational ethics of the newspaper maker. The Association regularly cared about the work of building, organizing the Association, operations work, checking work and social activities in order to guarantee the best the rights of the members of Vietnam Journalist's Association.

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