

On January 5th 2019, the National Library of Viet Nam (NLV) held a Conference to review its activities in 2018 and deploy the tasks in 2019.

Attending the Conference were Mrs. Trinh Thi Thuy - Member of the Party Executive Committee, Deputy Minister of Culture, Sports and Tourism (MoCST); Mr. Nguyen Tuan Linh - Director, *Chairman* of the MoCST's *Trade Union*; Mrs. Vu Duong Thuy Nga - Director of the Library Department; Mr. Le Ngoc Trung - Deputy Director of the Emulation and Reward Department, MoCST; the Directorial Board, officials and employees of the NLV.



Overview of the Conference

The conference has discussed and evaluated the achievements and limitations of the work in 2018 and set out the direction and operation plan for 2019. It is clearly stated in the conference's report that: In 2018, the NLV has effectively implemented its targets and working plans, achieved the outstanding achievements as follows:

- Well implemented the policy of streamlining apparatus, job positions arrangement, and reduction in personnel according to the Politburo Resolution No. 18-NQ/TW of the 6th Plenum of the 12th

Party Central Committee

. The work of reviewing and arranging the organizational structure was carried out cautiously, associated with the implementation of reducing the staff, arranging job positions, improving the efficiency and effectiveness of

the workflow

; at the same time, innovated the leadership and management methods, associated with reviewing the functions and tasks of the library and matching the actual conditions of the industry.

While making the job positions arrangement, the NLV has always ensured the stability of employees

psychology in order to not affect the general operation of the library;

- Activities of collecting, receiving book depository publications, doctoral thesis, acquiring materials have been well interested in and maintained; activity of material technical processing increased from 21% to 36% compared to the year plan; the construction of digital materials and supplement online databases have been strengthened contributing to developing the NLV's information resources;

- Innovated the library services, expanded the audience of readers. The reading service for children has brought positive effects, being highly concerned and appreciated by the society. The number of membership cards increased 16% compared to 2017. The work of information and propagation for political events and promotion activities for development of reading culture have been effectively implemented. Successfully organized the annual Book Festival Day 2018 themed *"Books - Knowledge **creates the future**"* with many meaningful and in-depth activities. The festival were highly recognized and appreciated by central agencies, readers, and public;

- Promoted the activity of science research and professional guidance for libraries throughout the country. Successfully organized 4 Training Courses on *"application of the cataloging rules"*; *Resource Description and Access*; - Vietnamese edition for librarians. The work of supporting local libraries has been interested in and focused. In 2018, the NLV has donated 8,397 copies of books to difficult libraries; distributed 37,565 copies of books sponsored by The Asia Foundation for 148 public libraries, specialized libraries and university libraries;

- International cooperation activities of the NLV brought high efficiency, contributing to affirm position and prestige of the NLV to the international community. The NLV successfully hosted the *"IFLA Global Vision Workshop for Asia and Oceania"* chaired by the International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA) for leaders of National Libraries, Library Associations in Asia and Oceania; well supporting librarians throughout the country to attend the 17th Southeast Asian Library Congress in Myanmar;

- Timely organized sessions to learn and thoroughly grasped Resolutions of the 7th Plenum of the 12th

Party Central Committee

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“Learning and following President Ho Chi Minh's thoughts, morals, and style”. The

activities of unions have also achieved remarkable results thanks to the concern, direction and facilitation of the Party Committee and the library leaders. Such organizations as the Trade Union, the Youth Union, and the Veterans Association branch have attached their organizations' activities to professional activities to constitute an integrated power, contributing to the NLV more and more sustainable development.

Promoting the results achieved in 2018, the conference has adopted the directions and tasks in 2019 with the following contents: Enhance the ideology education, timely grasp the ideological situation and general activity of the library; quickly disseminate the domestic and international news, the socio-economic situation of the country; follow closely the emulation content, successfully accomplish professional tasks, achieve and over-fulfill norms by 20-30%; well complete the task of propagandizing for major political events and cultural exchange activities of the country; organize the 2019 Book Festival - the annual activity of the library, actively contribute to encourage reading in the social community; strengthen development of digital resources and reference information collections; implement the project of developing the National Standard and register scientific research work; continue to gather and build the bibliography of *Vietnamese Doctoral Thesis*;

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plan and propose to the Ministry leaders the NLV's plan for improving the electronic library management software; actively engage in fulfilling its membership responsibilities to such Library Associations/Forums as IFLA, RFN, CDNL, CDNL-AO, CONSAL, etc.; coordinate with the northern investment and construction project management board on the project “Renovation and upgrading the whole NLV campus – phase I”; maintain the effective and quality implementation of projects funded by the Government Budget and projects received financial support from foreign sources, etc.

Speaking at the Conference, Mrs. Trinh Thi Thuy - Member of the Party Executive Committee, Deputy Minister of MoCST has recognized, praised and appreciated the results achieved by the NLV on the implementation of the professional activities and other activities in 2018. Activities

in the professional field have been drastically and responsibly directed by the library's leaders and divisions, with the unity of officials and employees. Despite difficulties and obstacles, the NLV has seriously implemented and achieved important results in the activities of acquiring materials, professional materials processing, preservation, readers services, science research and professional guidance, IT application, union's activities, etc.. She completely agreed with proposals and recommendations of the NLV as well as 5 proposals of 2 employees' speeches, especially the proposal on science research and professional guidance. The Deputy Minister proposed the NLV, in 2019, continues to maintain and further promote its role as the leading library in application of information technology in library activities; well conduct the professional guidance for libraries throughout the country; focus on advertising, introducing and facilitating readers to access to the rare and precious resources of the NLV; explore, create and expand new operating models to improve service quality, attract readers to the library and increase material circulation; take the initiative and direct the implementation of the projects approved by the Prime Minister, including the project to develop reading culture in the community, promote learning activities in libraries, etc.

; pay attention to training professional technique, foreign languages and soft skills for officials and employees, especially skills of using information technology in the era of industrial revolution 4.0; research and apply international standards in the professional activities of the library, develop the library standards to complete the operational standards for the industry; expand the international cooperation activities to promote professional exchange in order to affirm the position of the Viet Nam library sector in general and the NLV in particular; coordinate with MoCST agencies to implement the approved projects, while improving supervision, ensuring the progress and quality of the project. The Deputy Minister also expected that all leaders, officials and employees of the NLV continue to unite, unify and strive to achieve more achievements in professional activities, as well as Party and union activities.

On the same day, the NLV's Party Committee has reviewed its activities in 2018. During the year, the NLV's Party Committee has always paid attention to and facilitated the activities of the library's unions; promptly propagated and disseminated the Party's directions and guidelines, the State's policies and laws;

grasp the situation and ideas of the party members

, officials and employees of the library; promoted education, raised awareness, ideology, morality, lifestyle, responsibility of party members; well performed the task of creating sources and admitted new party members; promoted tradition, preserved internal solidarity, unified awareness and action among the entire Party Committee. In 2019, the NLV's Party

Committee is going to continue deploying the action program to implement the 12th

Party Congress Resolution and the Politburo Directive, creatively apply the directions of the 12th

Party Congress to solve practical problems; strictly implement the Directive No.5 of the Politburo, issued on May 15 2016, on “

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Innovating methods, improving quality of learning, thoroughly grasping the Party's resolution in the Party Committee of Central agencies

” to the whole party members and employees; regularly taking measures to grasp the ideological situation of party members, officials and employees, detect problems and solutions; continue to improve the quality of party's cell activities according to Resolution 01-NQ/DUK on August 19, 2016 of the Party Committee on

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Improving quality of the party cell

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Photos of the same event:



Mrs. Nguyen Ngoc Anh - Deputy Director of the NLV delivering the Summary Report of activities in 2018

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Mr. Nguyen Trong Phuong - Acting Head of Science [Research and Professional Guidance Division](#) speaking at the Conference



Mrs. Tran Thi Phuong Lan - Head of Reading Division speaking at the Conference



Mrs. Trinh Thi Thuy - Member of the Party Executive Committee, Deputy Minister of Culture, Sports and Tourism delivering speech at the Conference



Mrs. Trinh Thi Thuy - Member of the Party Executive Committee, Deputy Minister of Culture, Sports and Tourism awarding the Minister's Certificates of Merit to the Divisions successfully accomplished tasks in 2018



Mr. Nguyen Tuan Linh - Chairman of the MoCST's Trade Union awarding the Minister's Certificates of Merit to the individuals achieving excellent performance in 2 consecutive years



Mr. Le Ngoc Trung - Deputy Director of the Emulation and Reward Department awarding the NLV's reward decisions to good divisions in 2018



Mrs. Trinh Thi Thuy - Member of the Party Executive Committee, Deputy Minister of Culture, Sports and Tourism awarding the Certificates of Merit to the individuals achieved the Title of Emulati ve Soldiers at grassroots level in 2018



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Comrade Nguyen Xuan Dung - Deputy Secretary the NLV's Party Committee delivering the Party's Summary Report in 2018, tasks and direction in 2019



Comrade Kieu Thuy Nga – Member of the MoCST's Party Committee, Secretary of the NLV's Party Committee speaking at the Conference on reviewing the work of the Party in 2018 and deploying the tasks in 2019



Comrade Kieu Thuy Nga – Secretary of the Party Committee of the NLV awarding the Certificates of Merit for the best Party Cell in 2018



The party members successfully completing the tasks in 2018 receiving the Certificate of Merit from the Party Committee of the NLV

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