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Governance Reform in Higher Education of Vietnam

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During the past ten years Higher education in Vietnam has made a lot of changes clearly seen in the expansion of the existing institutions as well as the establishment of new universities and colleges in all parts of Vietnam. The whole educational system including higher education of Vietnam has been for a long time controlled by the central government particularly the Ministry of Education and Training and some other related ministries. Higher education in Vietnam continues to face big challenges. The centralized system of control and governance did not promote the improvement of training quality of the whole system, and does not encourage the creativity of teachers, education administrators and students (Hayden& Lam, 2007). As a result, there have been a number of government reforms implemented in an effort to improve the situation. These actions come in the form of Decrees or Circulars or Resolutions. This paper is also to investigate the impacts of the governance forms particularly the increased autonomy given to higher education institutions from the perception of national decision makers.

