

# The 3<sup>rd</sup> ACI Steering Committee Meeting

## Vietnam's progress report on ACI

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# Presentation Outline

1. Situation of academic journals in Vietnam
2. Updates on actions undertaken after the 2<sup>nd</sup> ACI meeting
3. Challenges for establishment of Vietnam Citation Index Center
4. Future actions to be taken

# Overview of academic journals in Vietnam

- Over 400 academic journals and the number is increasing.
- Most journals are published and funded by research institutes and universities.
- Journals are ranked by the National Council For Professor Title, but quantitative criteria for ranking is not clear.
- An online network of academic journals launched in 2007. 53 journals joined the network but poor content.

# Overview of academic journals in Vietnam

- Vietnam academic journals are under renovation towards international standards. 2 journals are recently indexed by Scopus (Acta Mathematica Vietnamica and Vietnam Journal of Mathematics).
- Ministry of Education and Training (MOET) has approved 6 projects to upgrade 6 top journals to be indexed in the international data bases (Scopus).

## Actions undertaken after the 2<sup>nd</sup> ACI meeting

- Dissemination of the information about ACI
  - Report to Higher Education Division, MOE and suggest to establish Vietnam Citation Index Centre.
  - Some heads of universities and research institutions
  - Some journal editors
- Workshops on improving journal quality (ACI criteria)
- Selection of potential journal titles to be included in the ACI database.
  - Journal of Economics and Development
  - Journal of Economic Development

## Challenges for Establishment of VCI

- The Higher Education Division is not active.
- Citation index has not really attracted much attention from journals.
- Many journals do not have a strong peer review process and are not concerned in following the same peer review process.
- No journal evaluation process for academic journals (no quality assurance)
- Lack of experiences and technical experts in setting up database.
- Limited funding.

## Future Actions to be taken

- Identification and selection of potential journal titles to be included in the ACI database.
- Master plan for establishment of VCI
  - Consultative workshop on VCI
  - Study visit to TCI and MCI
  - Set up journal associations (such as economic journal association, medical journal association)
  - Training and consultancy on improving journal quality across the country

**Thank you for your attention!**