

INFORMATION OF DOCTORAL DISSERTATION

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1. DISSERTATION SUMMARY

The thesis analyzes three contents of regional economic linkages in the Vietnam South Central Coast (VSCCr) in the period 2010-2018, including: linking to establish regional coordination institutions; linking development of economic branches and linking to improve areas to support regional economic development. At the same time, the thesis assesses the economic impacts of regional linkages on the following criteria: improving economic efficiency of the whole region; promote enhancing regional competitiveness; to develop the region's key economic branches and promote the economic spillover force of the key territories in the region. The results from the qualitative and quantitative analysis show that, in addition to the outstanding successes and contributions, regional economic linkages in the VSCCr still has limitations such as: regional integration in the institutional setting for regional coordination ineffective; regional linkages in economic branches and supporting fields are not yet close and lack regional nature; the economic impact of regional linkage is weak. To identify the causes of these limitations, the thesis analyzes three groups of factors that affect regional linkages. The research results show that, regional economic linkages in the VSCCr has many disadvantages from regional productive resources; there are still many shortcomings in the resistance from thinking and perceptions about regional connectivity and regional link institutions. Synthesizing the analytical results above, the thesis draws some problems about solving three major relationships in regional linkage activities, that is: incompatible production relations and regional productive forces; state role and market function are not clearly defined; the economic benefits between localities and the overall regional interests are not harmonious. On that basis, the thesis proposes orientations and solutions suitable to the practical conditions of the VSCCr in particular to strengthen regional linkages in the coming time.

2. THE NEW SCIENTIFIC FINDINGS

Firstly, the thesis studies 03 regional linkages to analyze both the links between economic units as well as links between regional management entities.

Secondly, the thesis builds an analytical framework on the basis of considering regional linkage as a way of organizing regional production relations.

Thirdly, the thesis has found out signs of inadequacies in regional connectivity in the VSCCr.

Fourthly, the thesis generalizes and draws some problems on solving three major relationships in regional linkages in the VSCCr.

Fifthly, the thesis has identified the main causes leading to limitations in regional connectivity in the VSCCr. Since then, the thesis has proposed 5 groups of solutions to strengthen the linkage, including proposing a new coordination model, the Coordination Council of the VSCCr.

3. APPLICATIONS/ APPLICABILITY IN PRACTICE AND SUGGESTION FOR FURTHER STUDIES

The dissertation can be a provision for researchers, learners interested in the topic of regional economic linkages. On the other hand, the 5 groups of solutions proposed by the thesis contribute to providing local leaders with scientific arguments to strengthen regional linkages associated with regional and inter-regional socio-economic development.

However, the thesis still has some problems that cannot be solved, such as: (1) quantitative assessment of factors affecting regional economic linkages, (2) building a system of evaluation criteria for interrelated contents of regional economic linkages, (3) assessing and analyzing the role of the central key economic region in the development of the VSCCr. These are the next research directions of the topic of regional economic linkages.

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