

Localisation maps	7-11
-------------------------	------

Introduction — by Christian Culas & Nguyen Van Suu	
Social Interaction between Authorities and People in Contemporary Rural Vietnam: Evidence from Three Case Studies	13

Chapter 1 — by Christian Culas	
A failed "success story" for Tourist Development Projects in Tam Dao: Gaps between Laws and their Application	21

Introduction	21
--------------------	----

I - Temples, Farmers and Tourist projects: are these the key ingredients in the making of a success story?	24
--	----

1 - Den Thong village and Tay Thien Temples	24
---	----

2 - Agriculture and tourism: income security and opportunities	26
--	----

3 - Why tourism services have not yet become the main activities of Den Thong villagers?	29
--	----

II - A brief history of local projects in Den Thong village	32
---	----

1 - Project 1: Building a parking lot in the heart of the rice fields (2005-2006)	33
---	----

2 - Project 2 Phase 1: Extension of the tourist area to 51 ha, resulting in the village centre being consumed (2007-2009)	35
---	----

3 - Project 2 Phase 2: Tourist complex zone of 163 ha over four villages (2009-2011)	37
--	----

4 - Project 3: Tay Thien Cableway and Tourist complex area for 170 ha on four villages (2009-2013)	40
--	----

III - Sources of tension and conflicts between local administration and villagers	43
---	----

1 - How land was "officially" reclaimed three months before the official decision of the province	44
---	----

2 - One law, two practical applications	45
---	----

3 - With official decisions often being contradictory, how can one find a suitable solution?	47
--	----

IV - What are the possibilities to file a complaint or to have one's rights recognized?	50
---	----

1 - Requests of information and complaint procedures	50
--	----

2 - Forms of resistance to the tourism development projects	52
---	----

V - Key elements in understanding the current tensions between villagers and local authorities	55
1 - Questions about the future of the village: are they taken into account in projects?	56
2 - Who are considered “project stakeholders” and by whom?.....	57
3 - Assumptions on the basis of the relationship between authorities and the people	60
VI - What are the possibilities of governance within a complex legal framework?.....	66
1 - A hierarchy of norms at the foundation of law	66
2 - Forms of local governance and expressions of civil society	70
Conclusion.....	74

Chapter 2 — by Nguyen Van Suu

Agricultural Land Claims in the Red River Delta during Decollectivization	79
Introduction.....	79
I - State Laws and Regulations about Claims to Land in Contemporary Vietnam.....	81
II - The Practices of Villagers’ Claims to Land since the Decollectivization Period: The Case of Red River Delta Villages	83
III - Consequences: Local Conflicts.....	91
IV - Implications: The Importance of Property Rights	94
Conclusion.....	96

Chapter 3 — by Nguyen Thi Thanh Binh

Practical Norms and Gaining Legitimacy in Ha Nam Province	99
I - Profane Power	102
II - Tolerance and Sentiment in the Building of Legitimacy	109
III - Rebuilding Trust and Decision: “Enter into the Hearts” of People.....	115
IV - Conclusion	122

Bibliography	125
---------------------------	------------