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1. Background Information

Project Title: Environmental Governance in South Korea - Valuable References to Vietnam

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2. Thesis Brief Summary

Firstly, the thesis comprehensively reviewed and systematically making an overview on the development of the thoughts and the theories applying in environmental governance as from World War II; The lessons learnt from the application of those theories and thoughts worldwide (including the countries of Europe, Asia and America) are also reviewed in this thesis in order to consolidate the theoretical rationales serving for the application of those theories and thoughts in Vietnam socio-economic context.

Secondly, Korean lessons referable to Vietnam context are defined in this thesis based on the case studies on the development of environmental governance systems conducted for South Korea during its development process from a poor country just gained its freedom from the colianism scheme in 1950s to become an advanced country belonging the group of 20 world largest economies in 2010s and for Vietnam since its reunion.

Thirdly, recommendations for the renovation of environmental administration systems in Vietnam during its coming industrialization process until 2030 are made in this thesis as follows:

- (i) Consider to establish Ministry of Environment on the basis of incorporation of VEA with environmental departments under line ministries. Reviewing and re-assigning the functions and the competences of environmental governance decentralized to provincial authorities and have to establish proper mechanisms to oversee the deployment of decentralized power in order to avoid the trading off the country environmental benefits for economic development.
- (ii) Consider to apply the system of special accounts for environmental protection activities like South Korea to unify the administration of revenues and expenses in relation to environment protection in order to avoid overlapping, wasteful and ineffective budget spending. At the same time, the systems of environmental charges/taxes should also be significantly improved on the basis of volume based charges/taxes.
- (iii)Promote the development of and the operation of national environmentally monitoring and information systems, environmental statistics and publicly disclosure of environmental performance by various economic sector those are centrally and transparently managed by Ministry of Environment nationwide.

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