

## Review of: "An experience of global higher education and university autonomy in Viet Nam: A case study of Ton Duc Thang University in Ho Chi Minh City"

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The paper has an interesting topic and attracts the attention of both scholars and managers in the context that Vietnam has been promoting university autonomy for more than a decade. Lessons learned from Ton Duc Thang University (TDTU) will be very useful, not only for other universities in Vietnam but also for State agencies in reviewing and adjusting related policies.

The paper describes the achieved results of TDTU, especially in implementing the internationalization strategy, attracting international scholars to participate in training and research activities. These results are very encouraging. Although it has only been deployed for a short time, it has contributed to TDTU significantly by making great progress on world university rankings and surpassing prestigious and long-standing educational institutions in Vietnam.

However, the paper was only a descriptive analysis, based on secondary data about the number of foreign lecturers and students coming to work at TDTU, the activities of foreign lecturers and students, and the outcomes of teaching and research activities of them.

In fact, the paper has not analyzed to clearly see how university autonomy has affected the implementation of this internationalization strategy, how the relationship between TDTU, Ho Chi Minh City's Labor Union and the Ministry of Education and Training looks like when TDTU executes autonomy policies.

If the authors carry out primary studies to survey the opinions of leaders, administrators, and lecturers of TDTU about autonomy policies and the impact of this autonomy policy on its activities, including international cooperation activities.

Last but not least, if the paper is proofread by an English speaking expert to correct the grammar and make the expression cohesively and clearly, the quality of the paper will be much better.

Neverthless, I truly look forward to reading the next studies of these authors on this research topic.

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