

INFORMATION OF DOCTORAL DISSERTATION

Doctoral thesis title: *The Role of Small and Medium Enterprises in Economic Development in Ho Chi Minh City*

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1. DISSERTATION SUMMARY

The thesis employs synthesis, statistics, and expert surveys to analyze and evaluate the development of small and medium enterprises (SMEs) and their role in the economic development of Ho Chi Minh City. The analysis reveals achievements, limitations, and the causes of these limitations, and suggests policies to develop the SME sector and enhance its role in the economic development of Ho Chi Minh City in the coming period.

2. NEW FINDINGS OF THE THESIS

The research results of the thesis indicate several issues that need attention regarding the role of SMEs in the economic development of Ho Chi Minh City in recent years:

- Although SMEs have grown in number, their distribution is uneven.
- SMEs face significant challenges in accessing capital, such as complex procedures and collateral requirements.
- The workforce in SMEs has limited professional skills.
- The contribution of SMEs to tax revenue and economic growth is not commensurate with their scale (proportion).
- Support policies for SMEs are independent and lack sustainability, focusing only on the short term and lacking coordination with other economic development policies of the city.

3. APPLICATIONS/PRACTICAL APPLICATIONS OR UNRESOLVED ISSUES FOR FURTHER RESEARCH

The thesis can serve as a basis and reference for researchers and policymakers in implementing policies to develop the SME sector and enhance its role in economic development. Future research directions of the thesis could include the role and impact of institutional frameworks on SME development, and the role of SMEs in the development of the digital economy in Ho Chi Minh City.

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