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Land Use Management and Real Property Taxation in Vietnam

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Vietnam is a transitional country presently undergoing economic and other major structural reforms. While it has retained the ideals of socialism, it has adopted policies more aligned to that of a market economy. Current property based taxes that are important sources of revenue for government are unsustainable. These taxes are mainly one-off event taxes and are not considered as recurrent forms of property taxation. Revenue from these sources are declining and their reform is imperative. The Tax on Land and Houses which is based on land only has potential if it were re-engineered to reflect land values. This research contends that reform is possible, and as the property market continues to mature, there will be sufficient evidence upon which a value-based property tax could be introduced.

This research seeks also to examine the nature, scope and implementation of a property tax system. This background provides the basis for a proposal for real property tax reform in Vietnam with the goals of maximizing tax revenue and optimizing land development.

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