

ISR turns six, and its previous challenging months

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The Centre for Interdisciplinary Social Research (ISR) is part of the Hanoi-based Phenikaa University. ISR was founded on August 1, 2017, following Decision No. 135/QĐ-DHTT, by Dr. Quan-Hoang Vuong, who has since served as its Director. At that time, the university still had its old name Thanh Tay University. Also, for a short period of time, its English name was Western University, Hanoi. In late 2018, the university was taken over by Phenikaa Group, a Hanoi-based large firm specializing in manufacturing quartz stone. It has since been using the new name: Phenikaa University.

On August 1, 2022, ISR turned six, having its past five years serving as Phenikaa University's workhorse in scientific research.

On the first day of 2021, Nguyen, Nguyen & Ho [1] wrote a summary of ISR's first 100 publications to celebrate the new year 2021. It was a milestone, indeed. Nonetheless, the summary was to tell something more important: the Centre would prepare itself for a tough year ahead, the year 2021, while the COVID-19 pandemic had suddenly pulled the brake on the whole world's economy. The researchers at ISR predicted that the first five-year plan would face a huge obstacle amidst the widespread COVID-19 while efficient vaccines had not been available.

In addition, the vision of ISR's leader had been that publishing books would probably become an emerging cornerstone of the research operation in the coming years [2]. This new task gave the team more work to do in the context back then.

However, by the time ISR turned six, its research staff had been able to nail every single task set forth by its leader, given the fact that the main responsibility of this research institution has always been to produce publishable quality research. The reference items from [3] to [55] show that the small team of eight (including three part-time researchers) has overcome the extremely challenging year 2 of 2021 and 2022. In addition, it has also contributed three new books to the world's academic literature [3-5]. It is reasonable to say that the team had efficiently managed its limited resources to overcome the very challenging months before its fifth anniversary (Aug. 1, 2022).

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