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### **Abstract**

National Agriculture Extension Centre (NAEC) is a public, non-productive unit of Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development (MARD) of Viet Nam, performing ministerial management functions and implementing the agricultural extension activities in the fields of agriculture, forestry, salt production, aquaculture and fisheries, agricultural engineering, rural activities nationwide within areas covered by the Ministry's mandated areas. NAEC mandates and functions are stimulated in Decision No 1816/ QD-BNN-TTCB dated 28 June, 2010 signed by MARD. Every year, it has implemented the cooperation with over 200 units, agencies, organizations relating to agriculture extension including research institutes, cooperatives, farmers, mass media agencies. For over last 16 years, the National Agriculture Extension Centre has been constantly and considerably contributing to the development of agro-forestry fishery production, hunger elimination and poverty alleviation. Over 500 technical and professional training courses were organized for a number of 5000 agriculture staffs and over 25000 key collaborators. A lot of legal documents, guidelines, manual instructions were issued and many seminars, conferences, festivals, fairs and exhibitions on agriculture extensions were carrying out in 64 cities and provinces of whole country. In the South of Vietnam with 19 provinces (Mekong river delta and South-East provinces), 30 millions of population and accounts for 19.18% area of country, the budget for agricultural extension 2010 is VND 52,968 billion, in which 64,7% was contributed from local authorities. Many demonstration models were made for farmers and cooperatives. These models and along with other activities have resulted in higher economic effects (about 15%) than normal production and contributed better value of agricultural products for export.