

CUSTOMARY LAWS, TRADITIONS AND COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION OF ETHNIC MINORITY GROUPS IN QUẢNG NAM

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Abstract: *For ethnic minorities in general and ethnic minorities in Quảng Nam province in particular, customary law is one of the cultural institutions playing an important role in all activities of the community. Among provisions of the customary law, the most noticeable are those which regulate the organizational structure of the community, thereby creating a sustainable foundation for the existence and development of ethnic groups throughout the course of history. Based on the data collected during the field trips to the localities in Quảng Nam province as well as published data of previous collectors and researchers, the author initially identifies the close connection between customs, practices and especially customary law and the community organization of the Katu, Jeh-Tariang, Sedang and Cor ethnic groups in the traditional and contemporary society.*

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