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11. **Summary of the new findings of the thesis**

11.1. In theory

The thesis has applied open system theory (by L. Von Bertalanffy) to clarify the relationship between vocational schools, as an open system, in the interaction with general national educational system. This shows that the development of national quality assurance system (institution, policy, structure) has positively impacted the establishment and cooperation of vocational school's quality assurance system in terms of structure and function.

11.2. In practice

The new findings of this thesis have some main practical contributions as follows:

- Suggesting the necessity of the state management agencies adjusting the macro policy to bring about changes in the quality of the vocational schools.
- Assisting vocational schools in raising awareness for leaders and managers of quality assurance system, especially the knowledge on quality standards, quality assessment and management processes to enforce quality assurance system. This is a reference for managers and quality assurance consultants to develop quality

assurance plans for vocational schools towards the continuous quality improvement and the public announcement of school quality.

- Assisting vocational schools in developing programs to strengthen the capacity of quality assurance staffs to meet the needs of implementing quality assurance activities and building quality culture.

- Helping vocational schools to identify the policy gaps to improve the system of legal documents, especially the internal policies of the school related to the structure and function of the quality assurance system, which consequently builds a quality assurance system within vocational schools towards ASEAN quality standards.

12. Practical applicability

Solutions suggested in the research paper can be applied in the process of establishing and operating the quality assurance system in vocational schools. Moreover, it helps the schools to improve the model of quality assurance in accordance with their conditions and to approach the trend of countries in the region.

13. Further research directions

- Assessment of the impact of the quality assurance model on the training quality of Vietnamese vocational schools.

- Experimental operation of the quality assurance system according to the recommended standards in vocational schools (AUN standard).

14. Thesis-related publications:

Le Lam (2010), Constructing the model of Intermediate School to satisfy the need of society, Education Magazine number 245, instalment 1, September 2010, pages from 19 to 21.

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