

# THE RESPONSIBILITY OF VIETNAM'S POLITICAL SYSTEM IN PREVENTING AND CONTROLLING THE COVID-19 VIRUS

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**Abstract:** *The COVID-19 pandemic has happened in Vietnam and all around the world. All nations have had to promulgate policies and regulations to prevent and control COVID-19. However, prevention measures are different from country to country depending on specific political and socio-economic conditions. The article aims at addressing the responsibility of Vietnam's political system in preventing and confronting COVID-19. At first, the article will present a general introduction to Vietnam's political system and, onward, analyse the responsibility of the political system in the fight against COVID-19, which is reflected in two main activities: the promulgation of policies, regulations, and administrative orders, as well as other emergency orders from the executive branch; and the current situation of implementing the guidelines and decisions of the State as well as ensuring measures to prevent and control the COVID-19 pandemic for the purpose of protecting public health. The article also points out the close coordination and unity of the entire political system in the fight against the COVID-19 pandemic.*

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## **1. The current political system and its role in Vietnam**

In its most general definition, politics is understood as a field of activities within a society, including activities and relationships between different subjects regarding the matter of identifying and resolving problems that are most common to society, especially those contentious issues and common conflicts in social relationships<sup>1</sup>. Thus, we can understand the political system as a set of legitimate political organisations in society, including political parties, the State, and other socio-political organisations which are connected in a system of structures and functions, having operating mechanisms and relationships to

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<sup>1</sup> Hanoi Law University (2006), *Constitutional Law textbook*, p. 141.