**SUMMARY OF NEW CONCLUSIONS OF DOCTORAL THESIS**

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New conclusions of the thesis

- The relationship between Houaphanh (Laos) and Son La (Vietnam) (1975 - 2012) is established from the important foundations: the proximity of geographical location, lots of similarities in terms of natural conditions, cultures, language and historical traditions. These basis ensure a strong foundation for a relationship called the *"Traditional Friendship, Special Solidarity and Comprehensive Cooperation"* in the history of relationship between these two provinces sharing a 210 km borderline. In the development process, the relationship between Houaphanh and Son La has also been affected by factors such as the world context, the region one and the situation in Laos and Vietnam.
- The relationship between Houaphanh and Son La from 1975 to 2012 shows a deep interaction with the special relationship and comprehensive cooperation between Laos and Vietnam. The relationship between these two provinces Houaphanh and Son La from 1975 to 2012 is a part as well as a vivid expression of the special relationship and comprehensive cooperation between Laos and Vietnam, which is over normal economic benefits, shows the wholehearted and mutual support of the two countries.
- The relationship between Houaphanh and Son La between 1975 and 2012 experienced two stages of development with changes in the mode of cooperation due to different characteristics of the historical context.
- Achievements reached contribute a part to the consolidation and development of the relationship between the two provinces Houaphanh and Son La, simultaneously promote the friendship and comprehensive cooperation between Laos and Vietnam. However, there is still the presence of some limitations needing to be overcome in the relationship between the two parties.
- It is necessary for the cooperation relationship between Houaphanh and Son La in the coming time to be further promoted in accordance with the objective trend, yet it is necessary to promote the special traditional relationship and give incentives and preferential treatment to each other. Strength in cooperation of politics, security and defense continue to be the basis for promoting other areas of cooperation. In particular, it is necessary to promote the economic cooperation which is the weak point of this relationship to develop proportionally with the political cooperation.

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