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*Life Experiences of People with
Disabilities in Vietnam: In Search for the
Social Support Models*

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In 2010 the Vietnam National Assembly passed the Law on Persons with Disabilities (PWDs) and the approval of second phrase of National Scheme on supporting PWD from 2010-2020. Based on these initiatives, early steps aimed at improving the living conditions of PWDs were carried out and the PWD issues attracted more attraction from the society at large. However, the daily experiences of PWD face many disadvantages. This presentation explores (a) the current situation of people with disabilities pertaining the potential access to education and employment in Vietnam; (b) the existed supports for PWD from government and other organisations, and (c) the further steps on supporting PWD from social welfare approach and finding the support models in contemporary Vietnam.

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