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<p>Economy, environment and society are usually considered the three pillars of sustainable development, but in fact these factors alone are not sufficient: the foundation of sustainable development must be culture. Along with socio-economic development priorities, cultural heritage in Vietnam is increasingly safeguarding as the country's endless resources. However, in the context of globalization and urbanization, the cultural heritage is strongly influenced and rapidly altered, even destroyed. For cultural heritage to contribute better to socio-economic development and harmoniously link between cultural heritage and sustainable development, Vietnam focuses on seven specific activities as an effective pathway: (1) improving the legal system; (2) raising awareness of the whole society about cultural heritage; (3) recognizing that preservation of cultural heritage and sustainable development are closely interrelated and interdependent; (4) linking safeguarding with promotion and exploitation through sustainable tourism development; (5) continuing to promulgate and implement incentive policies for artisans; (6) attaching special importance to the training of cultural managers and (7) cultural heritage safeguarding closely linked to environmental protection, to demonstrate that culture is an important indicator to evaluate the development in Vietnam.</p>	
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