Significance and Impact Factors of Innovating Methods of Teaching Social Sciences and Humanities at Military Academies and Universities Nowadays

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Abstract:- Current innovation of the teaching methods of social sciences and humanities at military academies and universities is indispensable, through which the teaching style of teachers/lecturers and the learning style of students will be fundamentally changed. At the same time, it also contributes to improving the positive, creative and scientific methods of thinking of students in learning. Thence, the quality of general teaching and the teaching quality of social sciences and humanities will be constantly improved.

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I. INTRODUCTION

Innovation of teaching methods of social sciences and humanities for students of military academies or universities is a very important factor of the teaching process in order to achieve teaching objectives. Accordingly, the innovation of teaching methods of social sciences and humanities for the students of military academies and universities will fundamentally change both the teaching and learning styles, and improve the quality and effectiveness of teaching process.

II. SIGNIFICANCE OF INNOVATION OF TEACHING METHODS OF SOCIAL SCIENCES AND HUMANITIES AT MILITARY ACADEMIES AND UNIVERSITIES NOWADAYS

Innovation of teaching methods of social sciences and humanities for students of military academies and universities has the following significance:

Firstly, it contributes to improving the quality and effectiveness of teaching social sciences and humanities for students.

The innovation of teaching methods of social sciences and humanities aims at improving the quality and effectiveness of teaching activities, contributing to improvement of the quality of education and training of military academies and universities. To achieve this, the direct subjects who are teachers of social sciences and humanities should study, select and use appropriate teaching methods in clever combination between traditional teaching methods with flexible and creative use of modern

teaching methods and appropriate techniques. The clever use of these teaching methods not only creates a good opportunity for students to perceive the knowledge system, but also acts as a basis and motivation for students to maximize intellectual capacity, positive, proactive, creative manner in learning; exploring, expanding knowledge and transforming it into skills, techniques, political courage, transforming the training process into self-training process; also practising the ability of actual application in the job position assigned to students after graduation. Therefore, innovating teaching methods of social sciences and humanities will change both the teaching style of teachers and the learning style of students in order to raise the sense of initiative, activeness and creativity of students in an extensively student-centered manner. Thereby, the quality and effectiveness of the teaching process in social sciences and humanities can be improved, contributing to achieving the training objectives and requirements of military academies and universities.

Secondly, it contributes to improving pedagogical capacity of teachers in social sciences and humanities.

Innovating the methods of teaching social sciences and humanities for students of military academies and universities is mainly to innovate lecturers' activities with a focus on innovating teaching methods. Accordingly, in order to innovate quality and effectiveness of teaching methods, each teacher is required to first be aware of the right position, the role of methods for the teaching process and the need to innovate the teaching methods. On that basis, each lecturer must get over obstacles, uphold the sense of responsibility, know how to invest his/her efforts and intelligence for innovating teaching methods, regularly raise the sense of self-learning and self-study to reach perfection in all aspects, which will be based on to select and use the optimal method suitable to the content and curriculum, ensuring the specificity of social sciences and humanities in teaching and appropriateness with students' level of awareness. Through the innovation of teaching constantly develop lecturers will methods, their independent thinking, creativity, skills, professional techniques, effective use of modern teaching methods, contributing to improving the quality of teaching in each lecture and subject.

Thirdly, innovation of teaching methods will motivate students to promote their positive, creative and scientific thinking methods.

Innovation of teaching methods of social sciences and humanities mainly refers to the innovation of teachers' activities, but the subjects who are directly affected by lecturers are the students of military academies and universities. Innovation of teaching methods means that the teachers not only communicate available knowledge but also organizer and instruct the students to learn, discover and solve problems on the basis of positivity and selfawareness; stimulate excitement, thinking and guide the students to self-search, self-discover and protect new knowledge that has been acquired. That is a fundamental change compared to traditional teaching methods. With that fundamental change, if the students of military academies and universities want to acquire knowledge, expand knowledge and transform it into their own political courage, skills, and techniques, they have to promote their positiveness, sense of initiative and creativity in learning. Because their good learning outcomes of social sciences and humanities are not naturally obtained but they are resulted from a continuous process of self-research, discovery and master of knowledge, self-study and creativity, turning the training process into each student's self-training process.

Fourthly, innovation of teaching methods will have a strong impact on the process of investment, upgrade, exploitation and effective use of teaching equipment and facilities at military academies and universities.

The innovation of teaching methods will not be highly effective without the support of modern teaching techniques. Therefore, in order to reach the high quality and efficiency for innovation of teaching methods of social sciences and humanities for the students of military academies and universities, each lecturer must promote and make use of information technology, technical teaching facilities equipped in their units and frequently use them effectively in their teaching process. Otherwise, the innovation of teaching methods of these subjects will create an orientation basis for the subjects, especially agencies of training; technical materials; ensuring the information technology to give advice to the Board of Management of academies and universities to invest in modern teaching equipment and facilities for the teaching process in general and for the innovation of teaching methods of social sciences and humanities in particular. However, in order to fully promote and exploit the advantages of information technology and modern teaching facilities, each teacher/lecturer needs to be more fully aware and comprehensive about the role of information technology, modern teaching facilities for education - training in general and for teaching of social sciences and humanities in particular. On that basis, each lecturer upholds the spirit of initiative, creativity, self-study, self-research to improve the capacity and skills of information technology application, proficient use of modern teaching facilities. Regularly use of modern teaching facilities in a reasonable manner in each content, topic, lecture, subject will contribute to improving the quality and effectiveness of

innovation of teaching methods of social sciences and humanities for students of military academies and universities today.

III. THE IMPACT FACTORS OF INNOVATION OF TEACHING METHODS OF SOCIAL SCIENCES AND HUMANITIES AT MILITARY ACADEMIES AND UNIVERSITIES NOWADAYS

Innovation of teaching methods of social sciences and humanities for military academies and universities is a very complicated process that is influenced by many factors. In particular, there are the following basic factors that directly impact the quality and effectiveness of this process:

Firstly, trend of innovation and development of general teaching methods, teaching methods of social sciences and humanities in particular

The great advances of the scientific and technological revolution, especially the industrial revolution 4.0 and international integration have had a significant impact on all areas of social life in all the countries worldwide. For Vietnam, especially in the field of education and training, the achievements of science and technology have had a strong impact on both the content, methods, technical facilities and forms of teaching organization. Such impact has made the content and curriculum of the majors, fields of social life, including the field of social sciences and humanities more and more updated and diverse; at the same time, many modern teaching techniques are created and widely used in the training process. The use of modern technical facilities such as audio and visual systems; Multimedia computing tools, Internet and other modern teaching facilities in the training process leads to an inevitable change in the way of teaching and learning to improve the quality of education and training, satisfy the demand for quality of human resources in the new era.On the other hand, facing the requirements of international integration, the trend of higher education in developed countries in the region and in the world has been increasingly standardized in all stages of the teaching process. Advanced and modern teaching methods in developed countries in the region and in the world have been updated and used by domestic universities in teaching, creating positive changes in quality of human resources training for the country.

Facing the profound impact of science and technology and extensive international integration in our country, during the past years, our military and non-military academies and universities have actively and positively innovated all aspects of the teaching process. In particular, the academies and universities throughout the country have focused on innovation of teaching methods - an important link and stage to improve the quality of education and training, to meet the requirements of the development and defense of our Fatherland in the new picture. For military academies and universities, the above trend not only has created favorable conditions but also has set a high demand for innovation of teaching methods of subjects, including innovation of

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to a strong transfer from the teaching method that mainly equips with knowledge to the teaching method that develops students' abilities; goal orientation, how to conduct the innovation of teaching methods accordingly to improve the quality of education and training.

Secondly, the roles and responsibilities of the subjects for the innovation of teaching methods of social sciences and humanities for students of military academies and universities

The subjects of the innovation of teaching methods are one of the important factors contributing to the success of innovation of teaching methods of social sciences and humanities for students. These subjects include the Party Committee, Board of Directors and Board of Management of military academies and universities; authorities; faculties, departments and staff of social sciences and humanities. In which:

The most important factor is the leadership and direction of the Party Committee, the Board of Directors and the Board of Management of military academies and universities. Because it is the Party Committee, the Board of Directors and the Board of Management of military academies and universities that directly set guidelines and solutions to innovate teaching methods in general and methods of teaching social sciences and humanities in particular; determining plans to innovate teaching methods; building and developing resources for education and training; promoting the synergy of educational forces from functional agencies, lecturers, managers and students participating in innovation of teaching methods. Accordingly, the Party Committee, the Board of Directors and the Board of Management of military academies and universities have their guidelines and measures of leadership, take drastic action plans and promote the synergy of many organizations and forces, the innovation of teaching methods of social sciences and humanities will be on track and highly effective.

The agencies such as Training Department, DEPARTMENT OF TESTING AND QUALITY ASSURANCE perform the advisory function towards the Party Committee, Board of Directors, Board of Management of academies and universities in education and training; guide the implementation and inspection and supervision of the implementation of education and training tasks. Accordingly, the advisory function is correct, the implementation of guiding the plans and tasks is conducted in a specific way, the strict inspection and supervision of the authorities will keep the innovation of teaching methods on track, in high efficiency and vice versa.

The faculties and departments, especially the lecturers of social sciences and humanities are the main force directly implementing the innovation of teaching methods. In particular, the level of pedagogical competence, professional quality of the lecturers of social sciences and humanities is a decisive factor for the successful innovation of teaching methods of social sciences and humanities for students. Therefore, each teacher not only must be really

devoted to the profession but also needs to have a comprehensive "background" of knowledge; at the same time, they have a specialized knowledge of the majors. In teaching, reasoning must be closely combined with the reality of the country and the military; the object of teaching must be well understood and regular study and scientific research must be conducted to improve the level, competence and teaching methods. Each teacher/lecturer thoroughly understanding and executing the above contents will ensure the innovation of teaching methods of social sciences and humanities for the success of students of military academies and universities. On the contrary, if the level of knowledge and pedagogical capacity of teachers is limited and there are limited practical experiences in pedagogy and military practice, the process of innovation of teaching methods is difficult to achieve high efficiency. The role of each subject's impact on the innovation of teaching methods is not equal, but has a close dialectical relationship with each other. Therefore, it is necessary to promote the role and responsibility of the subjects to innovate teaching methods of social sciences and humanities, especially the role and responsibility of the committees, managers of departments, faculties and teams of faculty members in these subjects.

Thirdly, training objectives, requirements and characteristics of students of military academies and universities.

The goal to train students of military academies and universities not only must meet the general requirements of quality and capacity of military officers but also must satisfy the requirements of quality and professional capacity of each specific field. Currently, in response to the new requirement of development and defense of the Fatherland, military officers must be good not only in military expertise but also in politics, which refers to sharp thinking ability, endogenous capacity, capability to fight against all intrigue, destructive tricks of hostile forces by means of many diverse and complex forms of struggle. This practice poses the need to make further reforms of teaching methods of social sciences and humanities for students of military academies and universities to help them constantly improve their political courage and revolutionary moral qualities, know how to apply the learned knowledge into the practice of professional activities and successfully fulfill the assigned tasks and responsibilities.

The innovation of teaching methods of social sciences and humanities for students of military academies and universities is subject to not only the provisions of the goal, training requirements but also the provisions of the characteristics of training subjects. That is, the innovation of teaching methods of social sciences and humanities must be consistent with the cognitive characteristics, psychology of age group, career trends, etc. of the students. Therefore, the teaching staff is required to carefully understand the characteristics of the students so as to determine appropriate teaching methods, both ensuring the improvement of the ability to receive knowledge, form techniques, skills, and building motivation of proper learning attitude, habit and passion for learning, scientific research of students on social sciences and humanities.

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Fourthly, the conditions of material facilities, technical facilities and information technology meet the requirements of innovating teaching methods of social sciences and humanities for students of military academies and universities.

Material facilities, teaching techniques and information technology are indispensable factors to ensure the innovation of teaching methods. Innovation of teaching methods will not bring high efficiency without the effective support of information technology and modern teaching techniques. Nowadays, the scientific and technological revolution has developed rapidly; that revolution covers all areas of social life. In particular, the education sector is one of the sectors most affected by the special achievements of this revolution. The development of science and technology has given lecturers modern teaching techniques, contributing to improving the quality of education and training.

In military academies and universities, the investment, upgrading and procurement of facilities and techniques for teaching in general subjects, social sciences and humanities in particular are made by the Party Executive Committee, the Board of Directors and the Board of Management of institutes and universities with material facilities, technical equipment, basic and modern teaching facilities, which have a positive impact on teaching and contribute to improving the quality of education and training. However, in response to the requirement of fundamental and comprehensive innovation of education and training, especially the innovation of teaching methods of social sciences and humanities, it is necessary for military academies and universities to invest in information technology, technical equipment and facilities for more synchronous and modern teaching, because this is an essential element contributing to ensuring the success of innovation of teaching methods of social science and humanities for students.

IV. CONCLUSION

Thus, the innovation of teaching methods of social sciences and humanities at military academies and universities is now indispensable, through which the teaching style of teachers and the learning style of students will be fundamentally changed. Especially the positiveness, creativity and scientific thinking methods of students in learning will be improved. Based on this, the quality of general teaching and the teaching of social sciences and humanities in particular have been constantly improved, meeting the training objectives and requirements of military academies and universities in the new picture.

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