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## EXCESSIVE 'FEASTING' PRACTICE TERMED 'SOCIALLY REPREHENSIBLE'

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["From Production to Consumption" column by Khach Hang--the customer:  
"The Phenomenon of Organizing Too Many Feasts"]

[Text] Our country is still poor. Feasting, therefore, must be limited accordingly. However, the phenomenon of organizing too many feasts still exists in some localities.

In rural areas some branches and circles customarily organize feasts whenever they get together. Parties have been held not only on the occasion of making preliminary or general reviews of achievements but also on such occasions as visiting rice fields, estimating rice yields and organizing harvest activities. When one branch has set the example in feasting, others cannot help following suit. Inspection and control delegations have been entertained....and the hosts always take advantage of the arrival of guests to freely organize sumptuous parties.

Since the cadres and party members have frequently organized parties and feasts, they are in no position to advise anyone against doing so. Therefore, feasting has often accompanied wedding ceremonies, funerals, death anniversaries, Tet gatherings and so forth, and has given rise to an excessive slaughter of hogs and the practice of illegally distilling liquor.

The phenomenon of organizing too many feasts also exists in many factories and work sites belonging to various branches and circles in the cities and districts. Many forms of meeting and entertaining guests have been contrived. And feasts are held on every occasion when preliminary or general reviews of achievements are made. Some factories and work sites have unfailingly organized feasts to celebrate their achievements. Some organs have slaughtered hogs and cows upon receiving emulation banners they were awarded for their achievements in managing provisions.

Feasting must be abolished because it is incompatible with our diligent and simple way of life, and because it not only involves a waste of money but is also socially reprehensible.