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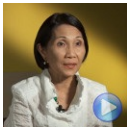
By Vidar Helgesen, Secretary-General

■ FOCUS: A DECADE OF CITIZEN-LED ASSESSMENTS OF DEMOCRACY

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towards resolving several problems in the country, and that the State University was the best suited institution to carry out the assessment.

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