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## Vietnam: A rising star

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t's difficult these days to open an economic journal and not find an article profiling Vietnam's unfaltering economic growth. After China, Vietnam has been Asia's top economic performer of the millennium and its ability to curtail SARS in Hanoi was impressive.



A bustling market in Ho Chi Minh City

Consistent economic growth, political stability, a young and educated population of 80 million, rising incomes, an expanding private sector and a commitment to trade and investment liberalization are some of the characteristics that are attracting investors to Vietnam. This year marks the 30th anniversary of diplomatic relations between Canada and Vietnam.

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New frontier for Dessau-Soprin

## Rural electrification project in Peru a success

Stories of Canadian consulting firms succeeding with the Japan Bank for International Cooperation (JBIC) are all too rare. Language and cultural barriers, not to mention stiff Japanese competition, make it extraordinarily

challenging to win projects financed by this major source of official development assistance (ODA). So when a Canadian engineering firm such as Montreal-based Dessau-Soprin Inc.

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