

VIETNAM

Capital: Hanoi

GEODATA

Area

331,700 km²

Major language

Vietnamese

Major religious groups

Buddhist, Taoist, Christian, indigenous beliefs, Muslim, Cao Dai, Hoa Hao

Surrounding countries

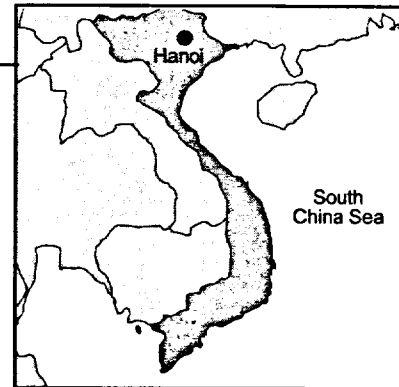
Cambodia, China, Laos

Population

77.5 million (2000)

Population growth rate

1.5% (2000 est.)



POLITICAL DATA

Type of government

Republic

Minister of Commerce

Vu Khoan

National legislature

Single chamber: National Assembly

UN Human Development Index (2001)

Vietnam ranks 101st among 162 countries

Leaders

President Tran Duc Luong

Prime Minister Phan Van Khai

Minister of Foreign Affairs

Nguyen Dy Nien

ECONOMIC DATA

GDP

\$31.3 billion US (2000)

Inflation rate

-1.6% (2000)

Real GDP growth rate

6.7% (2000)

Unemployment rate

Not available

GDP per capita

\$404 US (2000)

Main exports

Crude oil, marine products, rice, coffee, rubber, tea, garments, shoes

Main imports

Machinery and equipment, petroleum products, fertilizer, steel products, raw cotton, grain, cement, motorcycles

Main exports to Canada

\$211.1 million (2000), including footwear, clothing, coffee, tea, maté and spices, fish and seafood, leather articles

Main imports from Canada

\$50.7 million (2000), including fertilizer, optical and photo equipment, manufactured staple fibres, wood pulp, fats and oils

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