

Hanoi

Hanoi, the capital of Vietnam, is located in the northern region of the country, near the Red River delta and 150 km south of the border with China. With a population nearing three million, Hanoi is the second largest urban centre in the country, after Ho Chi Minh City in southern Vietnam.

Hanoi is the commercial centre for heavy industry in Vietnam. Major industries include steel, machine tools, chemicals, fertilizer, cement and paper. The main export items from the region are weaving, hosiery, fibre shoes, gloves, wool carpets, jute mats, fresh fruits and vegetables, electric fans, bicycles, and peanuts.

Vietnam is divided into administrative regions consisting of three self-governing municipalities (Hanoi, Ho Chi Minh City, and Haiphong), 44 provinces, and one special zone. Hanoi and Ho Chi Minh City are each administered by people's committees responsible to the central government.