

Capital :	Hanoi	Head of State :						
Surface area :	332 thousand sq km		H.E. President Mr. Truong Tan Sang					
Official language :	Vietnamese	Head of Government :						
Population :	90.5 million (July 2011 est.)		H.E. Prime Minister Nguyen Tan Dung					
Exchange rate :	1 Baht = 613.49 Dongs (Feb 1, 2012)							
<u>Recent economic indicators</u>¹	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009 (a)	2010 (b)	2011(b)	
GDP (US\$bn)	52.9	60.9	71.1	89.8	92.4	103.1	121.6	
GDP per capita (US\$)	637	724	835	1,042	1,060	1,168	1,32	
Real GDP growth (%Δ)	8.4	8.2	8.5	6.2	5.3	6.0	5.8	
Current account balance (US\$m)	-560	-164	-6,992	-10,702	-7,176	-7,123	-5,740	
Current account balance (%GDP)	-1.1	-0.3	-9.8	-11.9	-7.8	-6.9	-4.7	
Goods & services exports (%GDP)	69.2	73.7	76.8	77.7	65.1	71.5	93.8	
Inflation (%Δ)	8.4	7.5	8.3	23.1	6.7	12.0	18.8	
Source : ¹ Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, Australian Government (a) all recent data subject to revision, (b) EIU forecast Information and Communication Technology Center with Cooperation of the Customs Department, Thailand								
<i>Vietnam's global trade relationships, 2011</i>								
Export destinations	Import sources		Major Exports		Major Imports			
1. USA 20.0%	1. China 23.8%	2. S Korea 11.6%	1. Clothes	1. Machinery and equipment				
2. Japan 10.7%	3. Taiwan 8.4%	9. Thailand 6.7 %	2. Shoes	2. Petroleum products				
3. China 9.8%			3. Marine Products	3. Steel products				
4. S Korea 4.3%			4. Crude Oil	4. Raw materials for Clothes				
26. Thailand 1.6%			5. Electronics	5. Electronics				
Source : CIA			6. Wooden Products	6. Plastics				
<i>Thailand's trade with Vietnam, 2011 (Unit : US\$m)</i>								
			Value	Share(%)	Rank	Growth(%)		
Total Trade			6,063.95	1.91	15 th	28.45		
Exports to Vietnam			4,678.4	2.99	9 th	24.34		
Imports from Vietnam			1,385.5	0.76	24 th	45.37		
Balance of Trade with Vietnam			3,292.9					
<u>Major Thailand exports to Vietnam</u>	(US\$m)		<u>Major Thailand imports from Vietnam</u>					(US\$m)
1. Refine fuels	749.6		1. Electrical household appliances					278.6
2. Polymers of ethylene, propylene, etc. in primary forms	443.6		2. Electrical machinery and parts					156.2
3. Chemical products	378.8		3. Iron and steel and their products					137.7
4. Iron and Steel and their products	243.5		4. Yarn and fibers					108.9
5. Rubber products	299.7		5. Crude oil					91.0
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