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Gov't sets growth targets for all localities in 2025

- The Government has set GDP growth targets for all 63 provinces and centrally-run cities in a bid to accelerate Viet Nam's GDP growth to at least 8 percent this year
- To achieve the national GDP growth goal, all localities must strive to raise their GDP growth to at least 8 percent.
- Eighteen out of the 63 localities nationwide were assigned to achieve double-digit growth rates: Quang Ninh (12 percent), Hai Duong (10 percent), Hai Phong (12.5 percent), Ha Nam (10.5 percent), Nam Dinh (10.5 percent), Ninh Binh (12 percent), Bac Giang (13.6 percent), Dien Bien (10.5 percent), Thanh Hoa (11 percent), Nghe An (10.5 percent), Da Nang (10 percent), Quang Nam (10 percent), Khanh Hoa (10 percent), Ninh Thuan (13 percent), Kon Tum (10 percent), Binh Duong (10 percent), Dong Nai (10 percent), Ba Ria-Vung Tau (10 percent).

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Gov't proposes adjustments to socio-economic development goals

- On behalf of the Government, Minister of Planning and Investment Nguyen Chi Dung presented a report on the revised 2025 socio-economic development plan which targets a growth rate of at least 8 percent and over US\$500 billion GDP scale at the opening session of the 15th NA's 9th extraordinary sitting on February 12.



- The year 2025 holds special significance as the final year of the 5-year socio-economic development plan for 2021-2025.

- Therefore, the national GDP growth in 2025 needs to reach 8 percent or more, contributing to building a strong

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foundation for achieving a double-digit growth rate over a sustained period, starting from 2026. The growth should be rapid yet sustainable, with macroeconomic stability maintained, inflation controlled, major balances ensured.

- The GDP scale in 2025 must reach over US\$500 billion, GDP per capita about over US\$5,000.
- The Government proposed the National Assembly consider adjusting a number of key indicators: including Gross Domestic Product (GDP) growth rate of 8 percent or more, Average Consumer Price Index (CPI) growth rate of about 4.5-5 percent; the State Budget deficit to about 4-4.5 percent of GDP to mobilize resources for development investment.

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Gov't raises 2025 GDP growth target to at least 8%

- The Government has raised GDP growth target to at least 8 percent in 2025 from its previous projection of 6.5-7 percent.
- The legislative body is also expected to consider the Government's proposals to maintain consumer price index at around 4.5-5 percent and to raise budget overspending to about 4-4.5 percent of the country's GDP in a bid to increase investment capital for development and repayment of debts.
- Last year, the Vietnamese economy expanded 7.09 percent, beating all the previous projections of international institutions like the Asian Development Bank (6.4 percent), the World Bank (6.1 percent), and the International Monetary Fund (6.1 percent).
- Viet Nam's GDP size was estimated to reach VND11,511.9 trillion (equivalent to US\$476.3 billion) and the GDP per capita reached US\$4,700, an increase of US\$377 against 2023, said the General Statistics Office (GSO).

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Viet Nam's economy bounces back in January



- The Vietnamese economy continued to bounce back in January this year following impressive growth pace of 7.09 percent in

2024, according to Deputy Minister of Planning and Investment Tran Quoc Phuong.

- Specifically, inflation saw a year-on-year increase of 3.63 percent while State budget revenue witnessed a year-on-year increase of 3.5 percent.
- Export turnover was estimated at US\$63.07 billion, resulting in a trade surplus of US\$1.23 billion.
- Viet Nam absorbed over US\$4.3 billion in foreign direct investment (FDI), up 48.6 percent against the same period last year.

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Gov't acts to promote sustainable trade exchanges with EU

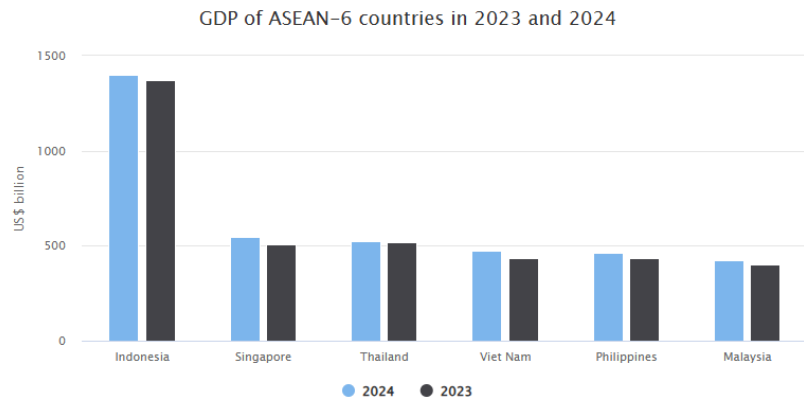
- Prime Minister Pham Minh Chinh has requested several ministries to actively deploy measures to promote circular economy, sustainable production and consumption, and sustainable trade in line with EU's "green growth policy."



- In recent years, Viet Nam and the EU have worked together to promote trade exchanges in a sustainable manner. The EU is the 3rd largest importer of Vietnamese goods, with US\$51.66 billion in 2024, up 18.5 percent against 2023.
- However, Vietnamese enterprises are facing with fresh challenges since the EU's introduction of green policies, prompting the urgent need for Viet Nam to take appropriate measures to meet these policies.
- From that perspective, the Government requested the Minister of Industry and Trade to accelerate formulation and improvement of policies, regulations and standards in accordance with Viet Nam's international commitments on sustainable development and circular economy.

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Vietnamese economy ranks fourth in ASEAN



- Viet Nam surpassed the Philippines to rank fourth among ASEAN Member States in terms of economic size in 2024.
- According to latest statistics collected by Mekong ASEAN, Viet Nam has made breakthrough in 2024, with its GDP estimated at US\$476.3 billion.
- Last year, Viet Nam took the lead among the ASEAN-6 in term of GDP growth rate, with 7.09 percent.
- The country ranked fifth in the ASEAN-6 in terms of GDP per capita, with US\$4,711.
- According to a new report released by Oxford Economics, the world's foremost independent economic advisory firm, Viet Nam's economy will be the standout among the ASEAN-6, growing at a faster pace relative to its peers during the next few years.
- The report noted that the nation's GDP growth will reach 6.5 percent in 2025, driven by a strong manufacturing sector and a rapid recovery in domestic demand. In which, manufacturing fundamentals remain strong and supported by structural tailwinds.
- A key source of growth for Viet Nam next year will be its manufacturing exports. Viet Nam is a known assembly, packaging, and testing (APT) hub, the next stage of the chip-making process post fabrication. Intel's largest APT facility is in Viet Nam, and Amkor Technology's US\$1.6 billion chip plant in Bac Ninh province is set to come on line in 2025.

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FDI inflows to Viet Nam to remain robust in 2025: ADB Country Director



- Foreign direct investment (FDI) inflows to Viet Nam will remain robust in 2025. The country has benefited

significantly from its FDI performance, both in accessing the global market and upgrading its productive capabilities.

- Asian Development Bank (ADB) Country Director for Viet Nam Shantanu Chakraborty made that above statement in his recent interview with VGP.

- Chakraborty said, Viet Nam has indeed performed well on FDI performance in 2024. Total registered FDI into Viet Nam in 2024 reached US\$38.23 billion. Disbursed FDI hit a record US\$25.35 billion, up 9.4 percent from 2023 and the highest ever recorded.

- This is very much positive in the overall context of declining global FDI, higher flows into developed countries and less to developing countries. There is continued momentum of overall higher FDI flows into the Southeast Asia region, including Viet Nam, as part of the ongoing shifts of supply chain reconfigurations in response to geopolitical dynamics, he shared.

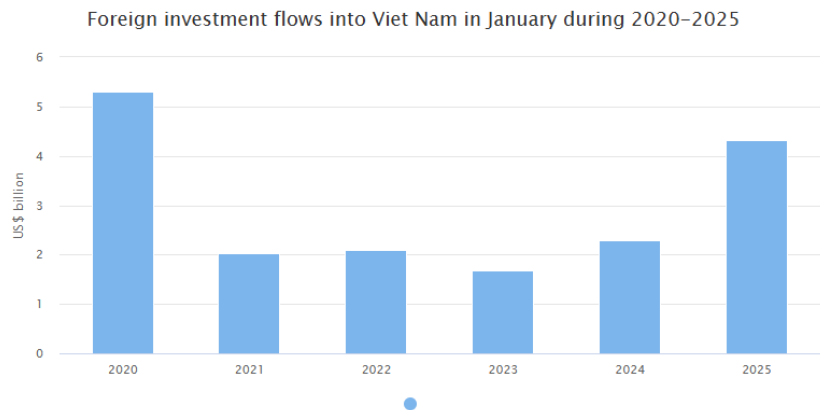
- While the strong 2024 performance is encouraging, a slight decrease indicated that investment flows into Viet Nam's economy are facing risks of the uncertain global environment. New registered capital slightly declined, although increases of existing FDI projects grew higher, continuing positive contribution to economic growth.

- The majority of FDI inflows are concentrated in manufacturing and real estate sectors. While this is strengthening Viet Nam's export position and supporting some domestic segments, there is also a need to diversify FDI attraction to a broader range of economic activities, especially in infrastructure.

- Looking ahead, Viet Nam has the opportunity to become a key component in the global technology supply chain, thanks to the gradual completion of legal frameworks that enhance the country's competitiveness and attract multinational corporations. However, uncertainty in the global trading environment and possible protectionist measures may cause further diversion or slowing down of FDI flows.

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Foreign investment flows soar by 48% in January



- The total foreign investment inflows in Viet Nam reached US\$4.33 billion in the first month of 2025, up 48.6 percent against the same period last year, the Foreign Investment Agency (FIA) reported.
- Of the above figure, new investments reached US\$1.29 billion, a 43.6 decrease while capital contributions and share purchases soared by 70.4 percent to US\$322.9 million.
- Foreign investors invested in 16 out of 21 national economic sectors, with the manufacturing and processing industry leading the way with over US\$3.09 billion, accounting for 71.3 percent of total registered capital, a 99.1 percent increase year-over-year.

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U.S. remains Viet Nam's largest export market in January



- The U.S. was Viet Nam's largest export market in January this year, with an estimated export turnover of US\$10 billion, reported the Ministry of Industry and Trade.
- China came second with an export value of US\$4.6 billion,

but it was the only major market to record high growth of 25.2 percent.

- Viet Nam's trade with the rest of the world was estimated at US\$63.15 billion in January, a month-on-month decline of 11 percent and a year-on-year decrease of nearly 4 percent.

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New wave of data center investment in Viet Nam



- With the surging demand for artificial intelligence (AI), the race to build and upgrade data centers is becoming increasingly

competitive in Viet Nam, noted investment promotion portal Invest Viet Nam.

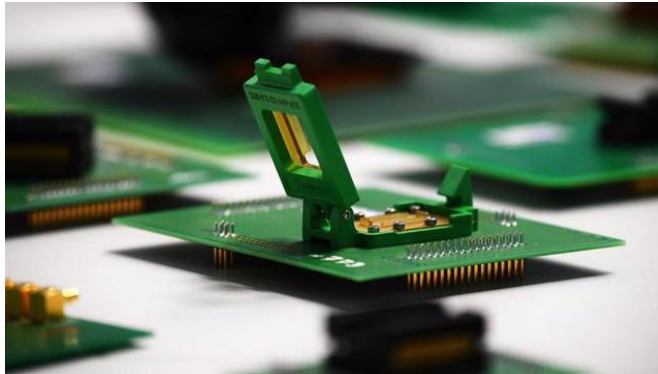
- Domestic technology enterprises such as VNPT, Viettel, CMC, FPT, and VNG are actively expanding their data center infrastructure. Remarkably, CMC, the second-largest technology corporation in Viet Nam, plans to invest up to US\$500 million in data centers in Viet Nam, Japan, and several other countries from now to 2028.

- Viettel, the nation's largest telecommunications group, is also actively participating in the race, planning to develop 11 large-scale data centers with a total capacity of over 350 MW, accounting for 40 percent of the country's total capacity. Notably, Viettel will collaborate with the U.S. tech giant NVIDIA to develop AI data center infrastructure, integrating nearly 800 supercomputers and 6,000 GPU cards.

- Not only Vietnamese technology companies are accelerating the expansion of data center infrastructure, but international tech firms such as Amazon, Microsoft, Supermicro, ST Telemedia Global Data Centers, Google and Alibaba are expressing strong interest and actively pouring more investment in the Southeast Asian nation.

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A boost for semiconductor chip manufacturing enterprises



- Vietnamese enterprises shall be entitled to get financial support worth up to VND10,000

billion from state budget to build the first semiconductor chip plant in Viet Nam.

- This is part of a resolution on a number of pilot mechanisms and policies to remove obstacles in science, technology, innovation and national digital transformation, which was passed by the National Assembly on February 19.

- Such a plant must come into operation prior to December 31, 2030, according to the resolution.

- Viet Nam aims to establish at least 300 design enterprises, three semiconductor chip manufacturing plants, and 20 semiconductor product packaging and testing plants by 2050.

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Viet Nam: A Key Destination for AI Development in 2025



- The recent presence and strategic moves of tech giants like Qualcomm, Samsung, and Nvidia have positioned Viet Nam as a leading hub for AI research and innovation in the

region.

- According to vietnam-briefing.com, Viet Nam offers promising prospects for digital technology investors, thanks to a series of government incentives and experimental legal frameworks.

- Over the past five years, Viet Nam has attracted significant global tech giants due to its strategic location and abundant resources.

- The active engagement of companies like Qualcomm, Samsung, and Nvidia has helped establish the country as a regional powerhouse for AI research and development.

- Jensen Huang, CEO of Nvidia, highlighted Viet Nam's key strengths, particularly its strong family values and emphasis on education.

- Through clear AI strategies, coordinated implementation plans, and progressive legal frameworks, Viet Nam minimizes risks and fosters breakthroughs in AI development.

- Viet Nam's ambition to become a future AI innovation hub is more than just a visionary goal of its leadership—it is rapidly emerging as a key player in Southeast Asia's AI landscape.

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VN, UAE urged to early ratify CEPA in Q1, 2025



- Deputy Prime Minister Bui Thanh Son called upon both Viet Nam and UAE to double effort to finalize and ratify the Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (CEPA) in Q1, 2025.

- He treasured Minister Abdulla Bin Touq Al Marri for his contributions to the bilateral ties especially the signing of the CEPA last October.

- The Deputy Prime Minister called upon the two sides early ratify the document in Q1, 2025, put it into operation soon and positively disseminate the opportunities and benefits of CEPA for their business communities.

- With experiences in building the world's leading international financial centers and free trade zones, Deputy Prime Minister Bui proposed that UAE support Viet Nam to build institutions and policies to attract investment in the process of building and operating international financial centers in Ho Chi Minh city, Da Nang city and free trade zones in Ba Ria-Vung Tau province as well as Hai Phong city.

- In reply, Minister Abdulla Bin Touq Al Marri revealed that the ministry will organize a large-scale investment conference in Viet Nam in a bid to spur economic cooperation and investment opportunities from UAE and the world to Viet Nam.

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Ha Noi among world's best destinations in 2025: Tripadvisor



- The capital city of Ha Noi was honored in three categories at the Traveler's Choice

Awards Best of the Best Destinations 2025, presented by the world's leading online travel platform, Tripadvisor. Specifically, the city was ranked second among the Best Cultural Destinations in the World, seventh in the list of Best of the Best Destinations and 14th among 25 Most Popular Travel Destinations In The World.

- The charming Vietnamese capital has aged well, preserving the Old Quarter, monuments and colonial architecture, while making room for modern developments alongside.

- The city welcomed 27.86 million visitors in 2024, an increase of 12.7 percent compared to the previous year. Of whom, 6.35 million were international visitors, up 34.4 percent, reported the Municipal Department of Tourism.

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Tet holiday in eyes of Norwegian, Swiss Ambassadors



- Tet (Lunar New Year) is always an interesting experience for foreigners

s, especially foreign ambassadors in Viet Nam. Norwegian Ambassador to Viet Nam Hilde Solbakken and Swiss Ambassador to Viet Nam Thomas Gass have shared their feelings about Tet holiday in the country.

- Norwegian Ambassador to Viet Nam Hilde Solbakken said, her family really loves living in Viet Nam and in the capital city of Ha Noi. "We love the bustling life on the streets, and are very impressed with the very hard-working culture in Viet Nam. We really feel like home here. So for this Tet, I think we're going to enjoy the quiet days in Ha Noi during the beginning of Tet. Just wander around in the old quarter in Ha Noi. We will have our own peach blossom tree and will put the wishes on the tree. Hopefully we can also visit some of the beautiful temples in Ha Noi", she shared.

- Regarding her favorite dish and favorite activities during Tet, Solbakken said, for Tet last year, her family had a very nice time visiting Duong Lam Ancient Village in Son Tay District, Ha Noi.

- Swiss Ambassador to Viet Nam Thomas Gass said, when he arrived two years ago, he was very excited about working in Viet Nam and was very impressed by the Vietnamese society. After two years it's becoming even clearer. "What impresses me is the resilience, the resourcefulness and the energy of the Vietnamese society and the Vietnamese people. This resilience and this capacity to stand up and to look forward to the future with optimism and with courage has been demonstrated by the way Viet Nam responded to the Typhoon Yagi in September 2024", told the Ambassador.

- This is his third Tet in Viet Nam, shared Gass, adding that he loves Tet festival in Viet Nam.

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- Foreign ambassadors in Viet Nam shared with us their aspirations to cement and deepen relations with Viet Nam especially during the Year of Snake 2025 and their feelings about the country, people of Viet Nam and personal

experiences during Tet holidays

Speaking with the Viet Nam Government Portal, Ambassadors of foreign countries in Viet Nam expressed their aspirations to cement and deepen relations with Viet Nam especially during the Year of the Snake 2025 and their feelings about the country, people of Viet Nam and personal experiences during Tet holidays.



In 2025, Ambassador Kees van Baar hopes that the two countries will step up collaboration in high technology.

I still feel wonderful here in Viet Nam. I love the work, the food and the people here.

My favorite dish is "nem ran", "nom", and "banh chung", the sticky rice dish.

During the Tet holiday, I like cycling through empty and quiet streets around Ha Noi.



**Ambassador of the Kingdom of the Netherlands to Viet Nam
Kees van Baar**



**UK Ambassador to Viet Nam
Iain Frew**



The relations between Viet Nam and the UK have developed very positively and very strongly over the past few years.

The spirit of Vietnamese people is very warm. The celebration as the country won the 2024 ASEAN Championship final, that is a positivity and a pride in their country that Vietnamese people have.

Tet is a wonderful period. It is a period to see blossoms and people carrying blossoms in the streets, the pink and the yellow blossoms, and it is a sign that spring is coming.

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