Country Profile

Country Name: Viet Nam Capital: Hanoi

Political System	
Head of State	Trương Tấn Sang (President)
Political System	Single Party Socialist/Communist Republic
Current	Communist Party of Viet Nam (CPV)
Ruling	
Party/Parties	
Other	Viet Nam has a single party: Communist Party of Viet Nam
Political Parties	
Military and Defence	
Alliances	ASEAN
	United Nations
	Francophone
Disputes	South China Sea Territorial Disputes
	http://www.bbc.com/news/world-asia-pacific-13748349
Wars	-First Indochina War
	http://www.britannica.com/EBchecked/topic/628349/Vietnam/52743/World
	-War-II-and-independence#toc52744
	-Viet Nam War
	-http://repository.library.georgetown.edu/handle/10822/552505
Civil Unrest	Anger over South China Sea Territorial Disputes
	http://www.theguardian.com/world/2014/may/22/vietnamese-authorities-
-	detain-hundreds-riots-chinese
Economy	
Economic	GDP Ranking 168/228 according to World Factbook
Strength/	
Ranking	
GNI Per	5030 PPP dollars (2013)
Capita	http://data.worldbank.org/indicator/NY.GNP.PCAP.CD

Main Trading	Imports from: China (28%), South Korea (15%), Japan (9.5%), Singapore
Partners	(5.9%), and Thailand (5.3%)
	Exports to: United States (16%), Japan (13%), China (12%), Germany
	(5.7%), and South Korea (5.0%)
	http://atlas.media.mit.edu/profile/country/vnm/
Main Sources	Top 3 Exported Goods: Electrical Machinery, Oil & Mineral Fuels, and
of Income	Footwear
	Top Industries: Food Processing; Garments; Shoes; Machine-Building
	http://globaledge.msu.edu/countries/vietnam/economy
Cultural, Religious and Social Practices	
Population	89.71 million
Demographics	Median Age
	total: 29.2 years
	male: 28.1 years
	female: 30.2 years (2014)
Official	Vietnamese
Languages	English
	French
	Chinese
	Khmer
	Mountain Languages
Major	Buddhist 9.3%, Catholic 6.7%, Hoa Hao 1.5%, Cao Dai 1.1%, Protestant
Religions	0.5%, Muslim 0.1%, none 80.8% (1999 census)
Major Social	
Problems	Rural Poverty
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Geographical	
Features	
Location	Southeastern Asia, bordering the Gulf of Thailand, Gulf of Tonkin, and
	South China Sea, as well as China, Laos, and Cambodia
Neighbours	Cambodia, China, Laos
. to ignio di o	-Improved (water protected from outside contamination)
Water Casself	-urban: 98.2% of population
Water Security	-rural: 93.6% of population
	-total: 95% of population
	-unimproved(unprotected water)
	-urban: 1.8% of population
	-rural: 6.4% of population

	-total: 5% of population (2012)
Environmental	-Deforestation as a result of logging and slash and burn agricultural
Concerns	practices
	-http://changeisvietnam.wordpress.com/human-changes-to-vietnams-
	environment/
	-Marine Life population threatened by overfishing and water pollution
	-http://www.rwlwater.com/water-pollution-decimating-vietnam-fisheries/
	-Groundwater contamination limits potable water supply
	http://scholarship.claremont.edu/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?article=1041&contex
	t=pomona_theses
	-Degrading environment as a result of growing urban industrialization in
	Ho Chi Minh City and Hanoi
	-http://www.iges.or.jp/isap/2012/en/pdf/poster/12_Huong.pdf
National Resources	timber, bamboo and 1,500 medical plant species
	oil, natural gas, coal and hydropower,
	iron ore, copper, gold

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