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11:00 - 11:15 hrs	Registration Hôtel Beau-Rivage , Palace, pl. du Port 17-19, 1000 Lausanne 6
11:15 - 11:30 hrs	Welcome Remarks and Introduction <i>Ambassador Hoang Van Nha</i> , Embassy of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam, Berne and <i>Mr. Thomas Schelling</i> , Chairman Swiss Romande, Swiss-Asian Chamber of Commerce, Zurich
11:30 - 11:50 hrs	Vietnam – A Destination for Foreign Investors "Overview on Vietnam and its Investment Opportunities" by <i>H.E. Mr. Vo Hong Phuc</i> , Minister of Planning and Investment, of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam, Hanoi, Vietnam
11:50 - 12:20 hrs	Vietnam's Investment Environment <i>Mr. Phan Huu Thang</i> , Director-General, General Department for Foreign Investment, Ministry of Planning and Investment, of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam, Hanoi, Vietnam
12:20 - 12:40 hrs	Q & A Session
12:50 - 14:00 hrs	Lunch
14:10 - 15:15 hrs	One-to-one meeting With representative of MPI and Vietnamese business Delegation (see enclosed participation list)

Registration Form

Please register by returning the reply form below to the Swiss-Asian Chamber of Commerce, P.O. Box 1073, 8032 Zurich, faxing 041/620 88 03 or emailing sacc@sacc.ch by **Friday, 1 May, 2009**. The cost of the event is CHF 135.00 for SACC - Members and CHF 150.00 for Non - Members. You will receive a confirmation including the invoice after your registration. Cancellations will be accepted until Monday, 4 May, 2009, 10.00 a.m.: - otherwise a full no-show charge applies.

Area of Interest:

Last Name: First Name:

Position: Company:

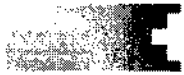
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- I am interested in a one-to-one meeting with a representative of the Ministry of Planning and Investment following the event. Subject of meeting:.....
- I am interested in a one-to-one meeting with the following company of the Vietnamese delegation. Company name and Subject of meeting:.....
- No, I am not able to attend the seminar, but would like to receive information.

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Exploring Investment Opportunities in Vietnam

Thursday, May 14, 2009, 12:00pm **Hôtel Beau-Rivage Palace, pl. du Port 17-19, Lausanne**

Vietnam's Economy had a turbulent year in 2008. GDP growth decelerated to 6.2% in 2008, down from more than 8% in the preceding 3 years. Inflation and the trade deficit surged before reserving course. Economic growth slowed and is forecast to moderate further this year, before starting to pick up in 2010. GDP growth is projected to moderate to 4.5% in 2009. Average annual inflation is forecast to slow to 4.0% in 2009, as GDP is likely to be below its potential level, and world commodity prices are expected to be substantially lower than last year's average.

Growth is then expected to pick up, reaching 6.5% in 2010. Loose monetary policy, coupled with the fiscal stimulus, will support public consumption and domestically financed investment. Net exports are expected to increase. With monetary policy remaining loose, the expansion of consumption and domestically financed investment will accelerate as the fiscal stimulus works through the economy. The expected improvement in global financial conditions, along with the strengthening of external demand, will bring about an increase in foreign-financed investment and a further rise in net exports of goods and services.

Despite the fact that higher external demand and export prices will boost exports and remittance inflows will pick up, but these increases will be partly offset by an increase in import rates due to a rise in import prices and the recovery in domestic economic growth. Inflows of FDI and foreign portfolio investment will increase on the back of improved global financial conditions and investor sentiment. The overall balance of payments will return to surplus.

Vietnam has a diversified economy, growing domestic demand, a stable political system, a favorable geographical location in terms of air and sea transport, the availability of a young, skilled and hard-working labor force, major improvements being carried out on the country's and a wide range of supporting industries. All of this serves to make Vietnam an attractive location.

Vietnam boasts highly developed trade links with China, India, and the countries of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN). As a member of ASEAN, Vietnam has forged close economic ties with the other member states. Its markets, along with those of the ten other ASEAN nations, have easy access to Vietnamese-manufactured products and services. This association has a cumulative population of more than 575 million, GDP in excess of USD737 billion, and intra-ASEAN trade of more than USD1,1 trillion per year. The ASEAN Free Trade Agreement (AFTA) will be fully implemented by 2010.

First-hand information on Vietnam's latest development and Investment Opportunities

This luncheon is jointly organized by the Vietnam Embassy in Switzerland and the Swiss-Asian Chamber of Commerce. This event provides a great opportunity to learn about investment opportunities in Vietnam, whilst also allowing opportunities for networking, which will be useful when you look to expand your business prospects.