

## Program/Venue

11:00 - 11:15 hrs	Registration  <b>Zunftthaus zur Safran</b> , grosser Zunftsaal, Limmatquai 54, 8001 Zurich
11:15 - 11:30 hrs	<b>Welcome Remarks and Introduction</b>  <i>Ambassador Hoang Van Nha</i> , Embassy of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam, Berne and <i>Mr. Adolf Meier</i> , Chairman of the Vietnam Committee, Swiss-Asian Chamber of Commerce, Zurich
11:30 - 11:50 hrs	<b>Vietnam – A Destination for Foreign Investors</b> "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	<b>Vietnam's Investment Environment</b>  <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	<b>Q &amp; A Session</b>
12:50 - 14:00 hrs	<b>Lunch</b>
14:10 - 15:15 hrs	<b>One-to-one meeting</b>  With representative of MPI and the 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](mailto: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: .....

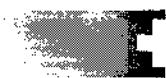
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- I am interested in a one-to-one meeting with a representative of the Ministry of Planning and Investment following the event. Subject of meeting:.....
- I am interested in a one-to-one meeting with the following company of the Vietnamese delegation.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



## Exploring Investment Opportunities in Vietnam

Wednesday, May 6, 2009, 7:00am - 9:30am, Safir Hotel, Zurich

The economy of Vietnam 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, and then reversed 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, since GDP is likely to be below its potential level and world commodity prices are expected to be substantially lower than last year's average levels.

Growth is expected to rebound to 6.5% in 2010. Loose monetary policy and 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 forecast improvement of global financial conditions and the strengthening of external demand will bring about an upturn in foreign-financed investment and a further rise in net exports of goods and services.

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 imports due to a rise in import prices and the rebound in domestic economic growth. Inflows of FDI and foreign portfolio investment will climb, 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, a growing domestic demand, a stable political system, a favorable geographical location in terms of air and sea transport, availability of a young, skilled and hard-working labor force, improvements in infrastructure, and a wide range of supporting industries make Vietnam an attractive location.

From Vietnam, it is easy to trade with China, India and the countries of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN), which has a cumulative population of more than 575 million. As a member of ASEAN, Vietnam has forged a close economic partnership with the other ASEAN member nations; Vietnamese-manufactured products and services have access to these markets, which includes all 10 ASEAN countries. This association boasts more than half a billion people, 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 with the Vietnam Embassy in Switzerland and the Swiss-Asian Chamber of Commerce. At this event, you will have the great possibility to learn about investment opportunities in Vietnam. This event will also provide you with several contacts, which will be useful when you look to expand your business prospects.