



TROPICAL SEMESTER

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Vietnam's Economy

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Course Introduction

Economic knowledge is crucial to the understanding of a country, region, etc. This course is about introducing some important aspects of Vietnam's economy, especially since Vietnam adopted the market-oriented economy in 1986. The process of adopting the market-oriented economy, often called *Doi Moi* (renovation), has enabled Vietnam to achieve some great successes, such as manageable inflation, high economic growth rates, burgeoning exports, etc. However, there remains backwardness of Vietnam's economy that has to be tackled: (i) inefficient investments, (ii) inequitable development between regions of the country, (iii) poor infrastructure, etc. All this seems to have impeded the development of Vietnam's economy.

Course Objectives

This course aims to provide the learners with knowledge of Vietnam's economy with a focus on the transition of Vietnam's economy to a market economy. In addition, it also discusses the issue of how Vietnam's economy is functioning to create better living standards for the people. Next, the course will analyze Vietnam's growth potential and end up with an insight into the Mekong River Delta, where more than 80% of Vietnam's rice is produced.

Lectures

- The transition of Vietnam's economy to market economy and its problems and growth potential.
- Vietnam's financial system.
- The economy of the Mekong River Delta.

Field Trips

- Song Hau state farm (Can Tho province).
- Private farms of shrimp, basa fish in Bac Lieu and An Giang provinces.
- Hau Giang Joint-Stock Pharmaceutical Company (Can Tho province).

Suggested Readings (to be announced during lecturing)