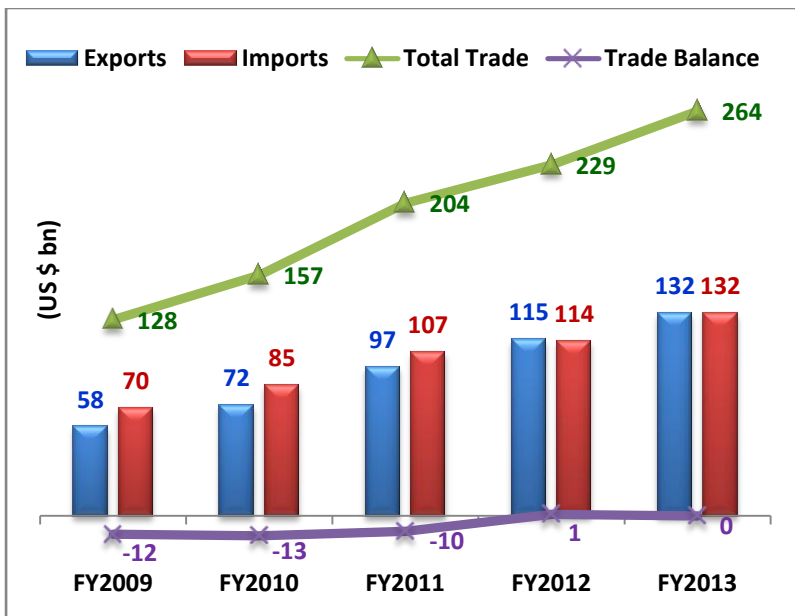


## A Snapshot of Vietnam Economy

### Geographical features, population and economic situation

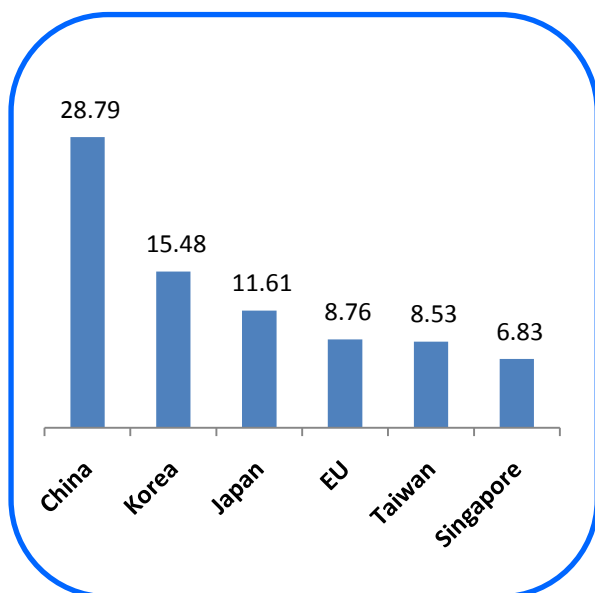
- ❖ Vietnam has the shape of letter "S" and is located in the extreme southeast of the Indochinese peninsula. The area is about 331 698 square kilometers of land. Vietnam's border is adjacent to the Gulf of Thailand to the south, the Gulf of Tonkin and the South China Sea in the east, Republic of China to the north, Laos and Cambodia to the west. The Vietnam sea area occupies approximately 1,000,000 square kilometers of South China Sea.
- ❖ 2013 GDP is \$171,392 billion, increases by 5.4% in comparison with 2012.
- ❖ On-scale structure in all economic sectors in 2013, the agriculture, forestry and fisheries accounted for 18.4%; the industrial sector accounted for 38.3%; construction and the service sector accounts for 43.3% (in 2012 the corresponding proportions were: 19.7%, 38.6% and 41.7%).
- ❖ Vietnam's advantage compared with other countries in the region is sea economy with large natural potential (long coastline, wide area of territorial sovereignty, easy access to the ocean, natural resource as fisheries, oil gas and other minerals, numerous beaches, etc.). Moreover, Vietnam also has specially strategical location and economy (located on the sea transport and the major corridor of international trade).

### Trade and External Sector of Vietnam

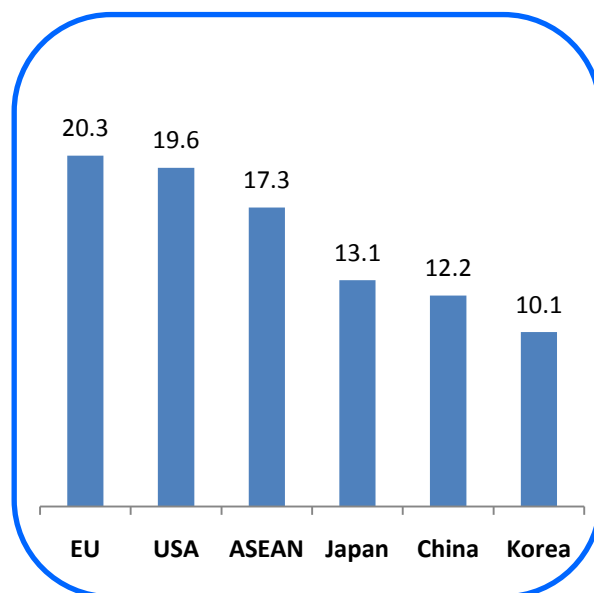


- ❖ In general, both total export and import turnover of Vietnam experienced an increase from 2009 to 2013.
- ❖ The objective of Vietnamese Government is to triple total value of export and import in 2020 and increase GDP per capita to \$2,000.

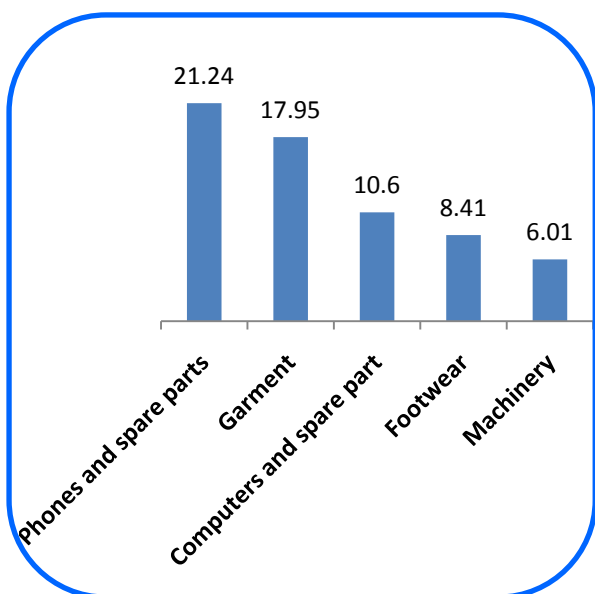
**Top Export Destination, FY13 (US\$ bn)**



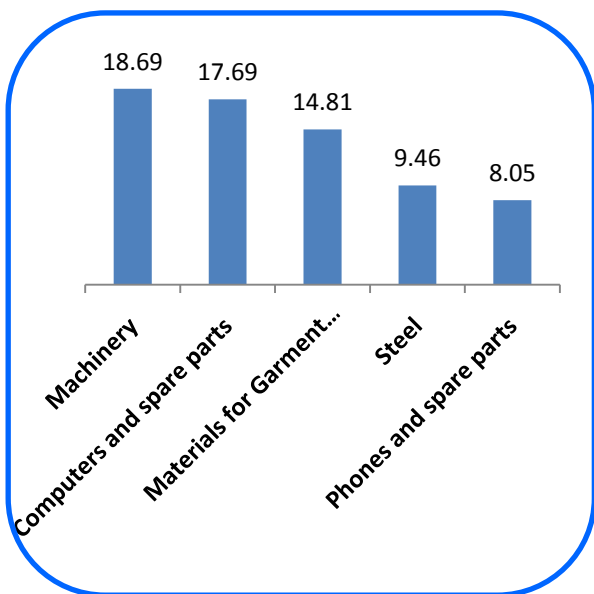
**Top Import Source, FY13 (US\$ bn)**



**Top 5 Export Items, FY14 (US\$ bn)**



**Top 5 Import Items, FY14 (US\$ bn)**



*Source: General Department of Vietnam Customs*

## Vietnam: Macroeconomic Structure

INDICATORS	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013e	2014f	2015f
<b>GDP (at current prices, US\$ bn)</b>	101.6	112.8	134.6	155.6	170.5	186.8	205.3
<b>Real GDP Growth (%)</b>	5.4	6.4	6.2	5.2	5.4	5.8	6.5
<b>Population (mn)</b>	86.0	86.9	87.8	88.8	89.7	90.6	91.4
<b>Consumer price inflation (avg., %)</b>	6.7	9.2	18.7	9.1	6.6	5.3	6.4
<b>Exchange Rate (Dong/US\$, avg.)</b>	17,800	19,131	20,649	20,859	21,017	21,163	21,557
<b>Exports (US\$ bn)</b>	57.1	72.2	96.9	114.6	132.1	146.6	169.5
<b>Imports (US\$ bn)</b>	64.7	77.4	97.4	104.7	123.4	138.8	164.7
<b>Trade Balance (US\$ bn)</b>	-7.6	-5.2	-0.5	9.9	8.7	7.8	4.8
<b>Current Account Balance (US\$ bn)</b>	-6.6	-4.3	0.2	9.1	9.5	9.9	8.8
<b>International Reserves (US\$ bn)</b>	16.8	12.9	14.0	26.1	26.3	32.7	43.1
<b>External Debt (US\$ bn)</b>	33.1	44.9	53.1	59.1	63.8	71.8	80.5

*Source: Economist Intelligence Unit*

*Note: e -estimates; f- forecasts*