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## Việt Nam's GDP grows by 2.58 per cent in 2021: GSO

HÀ NỘI Việt Nam's gross domestic product (GDP) in 2021 is estimated to have expanded by 2.58 per cent on the previous year, despite the adverse impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on all fields of the national economy.

The figures were released at a press conference held yesterday to announce the socio-economic figures of the fourth quarter, and the year as a whole.

"This is a great achievement of Việt Nam, especially as in the third quarter of 2021, many key economic localities had to implement prolonged social distancing to prevent the pandemic spreading," said General Director of the General Statistics Office (GSO) Nguyễn Thị Hương.

Hương said that GDP in the fourth quarter is estimated to increase by 5.22 per cent over the same period last year. This figure is higher than the growth rate of 4.61 per cent seen in the fourth quarter of 2020, but lower than the average fourth-quarter growth rates of the 2011-2019 period.

The agricultural-forestry-fishery sector grew by 3.16 per cent; the industry and construction rose by 5.61 per cent; the service sector expanded by 5.42 per cent in the fourth quarter.

Over the whole year, the agricultural-forestry-fishery sector grew by 2.9 per cent, contributing 13.97 per cent to the growth rate of the total added value of the whole economy. The industrial and construction sec-



A production line at Mê Trần Electronics Company Limited in northern province of Vinh Phúc. The country's industrial production saw positive growth in the last quarter of the year. VNA/VNS Photo Danh Lam

tor expanded by 4.05 per cent and contributed 63.80 per cent and the service sector rose by 1.22 per cent, contributing 22.23 per cent.

"Growth in all three sectors (agriculture, industrial production and services) contributed to the whole year's economic growth of 2.58 per cent. This is a good growth rate as the country's resources must be prioritised for disease prevention and control," Hương said.

Final consumption rose by 2.09 per cent against 2020 while accumulated assets increased by 3.96 per cent. The export of goods and services hiked 14.01 per cent. Imports were also up by 16.16 per cent.

Labour productivity of the whole economy in 2021 is estimated at VNĐ171.3 million (US\$7,398) per worker, \$538 higher than that of

2020. Labour productivity increased by 4.71 per cent, thanks to improved qualifications among workers; the proportion of trained workers with degrees and certificates reached 26.1 per cent, higher than the 25.3 per cent of 2020.

### CPI lowest in five years

Việt Nam's Consumer Price Index (CPI) edged up 1.84 per cent year-on-year in 2021, the lowest ever recorded since 2016, according to the GSO.

The CPI picked up compared to 2020, largely due to a 31.74 per cent surge in fuel prices this year, which made up a 1.14 per cent increase in the overall CPI, GSO General Director Hương said.

The CPI hike was also driven by the domestic retail price of gas

which has been revised up nine times throughout the year, expanding 25.89 per cent year-on-year. This contributed to a 0.38 per cent rise in the CPI.

She also noted upturns in rice, construction materials and education service prices this year, which advanced 5.79 per cent, 7.03 per cent and 1.87 per cent respectively against last year.

The price of food dropped 0.54 per cent year-on-year, and the price of pork plunged 10.52 per cent, causing the overall CPI to fall 0.12 per cent, she said.

Electricity prices declined 0.89 per cent as part of Việt Nam Electricity (EVN)'s aid package for customers affected by the COVID-19 pandemic, pushing the CPI down by 0.03 per cent.

The pandemic has forced people to refrain from travelling, resulting in contractions of 21.15 per cent in airfares and 2.32 per cent in holiday packages.

The core inflation grew by 0.81 per cent in 2021, the lowest since 2011, she added.

In December, the index slid 0.18 per cent month-on-month but increased 1.81 per cent from a year earlier.

### Firms optimistic about IIP

Data from GSO showed that the country's industrial production in the fourth quarter of 2021 had positive growth, thanks to the Govern-

ment's Resolution No 128/NQ-CP on safe adaptation to the COVID-19 pandemic. The value-added growth rate was 6.52 per cent over the same period last year.

The Index of Industrial Production (IIP) for the whole year increased by 4.82 per cent compared to 2020.

The processing and manufacturing industry increased by 6.37 per cent, contributing 1.61 per cent to the overall growth of the economy.

This was followed by the electricity production and distribution industry with a 5.24 per cent year-on-year increase; water supply, waste and wastewater management and treatment activities increased by 4 per cent.

Meanwhile, the mining sector decreased by 6.21 per cent, due to a decrease in crude oil and natural gas production by 5.7 and 19.4 per cent respectively.

IIP of a number of key secondary industries increased sharply compared to the previous year, including metals, vehicles, electronic products, computers and optical products, coal mining and textile.

Enterprises are optimistic about the IIP growth prospects next year. Of all the business sectors, 45.6 per cent of firms think in the first quarter of 2022, the trend will be better compared to the fourth quarter of 2021; 36.1 per cent believe that the production and business situation will be stable and 18.3 per cent forecast more difficulties. VNS

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- The Socialist Republic of Viet Nam (hereinafter called "Borrower") has received a Loan from the Export-Import Bank of Korea from the resources of the Economic Development Cooperation Fund (EDCF) of the Republic of Korea in the amount of not exceeding the equivalent of Sixty Two Billion Three Hundred Twenty One Million Korean Wons (KRW 62,321,000,000) toward the cost of Rehabilitation and Improvement of Bridges on National Highways Project (Phase 1) and intends to apply a portion of the proceeds of this loan to payments under the contract for Package XL-01: Construction of Song Truong bridge and Nuoc Oa bridge.
- The Project Executing Agency now invites sealed bids from eligible bidders for Package XL-01: Construction of Song Truong bridge and Nuoc Oa bridge.
- Bidding will be conducted through Competitive Bidding (CB) among eligibility contractors
  - Nationality of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam (including juridical persons incorporated in the Socialist Republic of Vietnam in accordance with its laws; hereinafter the same shall apply)
  - Consortiums built by nationals of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam with the corporations set up in accordance with the laws and regulations of the Republic of Korea in which nationals of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam hold more than 50% of shares or have the de facto decision-making rights;
  - Nationals of the Republic of Korea (including juridical persons incorporated in the Republic of Korea in accordance with its laws; hereinafter the same shall apply);
  - Foreign corporations in which nationals of the Republic of Korea hold more than 50% of shares as well as foreign subsidiaries of a foreign corporation of which nationals of the Republic of Korea reserve the management rights and are vested with the business performances; or
  - Consortiums built by nationals of the Republic of Korea with the corporations set up in accordance with the laws and regulations of the Borrower's country in which nationals of the Republic of Korea hold more than 50% of shares or have the de facto decision-making rights.

and that the single stage two-envelop procedures specified in the Guideline for

Procurement under EDCF Loans, and is open to all eligible bidders that meet the following minimum qualification criteria:

- Specific experience in construction:
 

Has completed at least 01 contract of road and bridge construction including I-girder or Prestress Reinforcement Concrete with the span length of  $\geq 33$ m; bored pile diameter  $\geq 1,0$ m, and value of contract not less than US\$2,100,000.
  - The annual averaged construction turnover within 3 years (from 2018 to 2020) shall be US\$6,000,000.
  - Requirement of cash flow shall be US\$750,000.
- Interested eligible Bidders may obtain further information from Project Management Unit No. 2 (PMU.2) - Address: No.18 Pham Hung Road Cau Giay District Ha Noi, Viet Nam; Mobile: +84912585383; Email: pmu2pid1@gmail.com. And inspect the bidding documents at the address below from 8:00 a.m January 4<sup>th</sup> 2022 to 10:00 a.m February 11<sup>th</sup> 2022 (working hours from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Vietnam time GMT+7).
  - A complete set of bidding documents may be purchased by any interested Bidders on the submission of a written application to the address below and upon payment of a nonrefundable fee of 10.000.000 Viet Nam Dong. The method of payment will be transfer or cash to the following specified account.
 

**Bank Account Name:** Ban Quan ly du an 2  
**Bank Account Number:** 1462201002861  
**Bank Name:** Vietnam Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development Tay Do branch  
**SWIFT Code:** VBAAVNVX

The document will be sent directly to Bidders at PID3, 5<sup>th</sup> floor, PMU.2's Office.
  - Bids must be delivered to the PMU.2 at or before 10:00 a.m February 11<sup>th</sup> 2022. All bids must be accompanied by a bid security of US\$60,000. Late bids shall be rejected. Bids will be opened in the presence of the Bidder's representatives who choose to attend at the address below at 10:00 a.m February 11<sup>th</sup> 2022.
  - PMU.2 will not be responsible for any cost or expense incurred by Bidders in connection with the preparation or delivery of Bids.