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DEFINITION



- Industrial policy is actions to:
- ✓ Develop the manufacturing sector of the economy
- Encourage the growth of some specific manufacturing industries
- ✓ Change the structure of the manufacturing sector
- Two types of industrial policy:
- ✓ 'Pro-business' policy
- ✓ 'Pro-market' policy

OVERVIEW



- Vietnam's Industrial policy is the strategies and policies for industrialization – modernization.
- ✓ 1991: Industrialization modernization initiative.
- Industrial policy is 'pro-business' rather than 'pro-market'.
- Shift from 'pro-business' policy to 'promarket' policy



- 1996: appeal for acceleration of industrialization modernization:
- The goal is Vietnam's becoming a newly industrialized country with modern physical infrastructure by 2020.
- ✓ In the first years of 1991-2020 period: agroprocessing, consumption goods production and export-oriented industries were prioritized; SMEs development were prioritized.
- Develop electronics and ICT, mechanical engineering, material engineering industries.
- ✓ Establish industrial estates, EPZs, high-tech parks



- 2001: launching the "Strategy for Acceleration of Socialist-oriented Industrialization – Modernization and for Development of Foundation of Newly Industrialised Country by 2020" (a.k.a. the Socio-Economic Development Strategies for 2001-2010 Period)
 - Develop the agro-processing, apparel, leather and footwear, electronics and ICT, some specific mechanical engineering industries



- Selectively develop some projects in petrolium, metallurgic, machinery, basic chemistry, construction material industries
- ✓ Strongly develop the high-tech industry
- \checkmark Plan the industry allocation by region
- Large industrial clustering and establish open economic zones
- Promote the developments of pivotal economic regions



- 2011: appeal for further accelerating of the industrialization – modernization program so that Vietnam will become a modern industrialised country by the mid of 21st century
 - Restructure the manufacturing sector by industry and territory and value
 - Attach special important to developments of heavy and machinery industries
 - Selective develop manufacturing industries, hightech and energy industries, mineral industries



- Priority develop the products which have competitiveness and abilities of joining GPNs and GVCs
- ✓ Strongly develop the supporting industries
- Promote the manufacturing sector development through industrial clustering

PLANS FOR INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENT



- 15 strategies for development of industries:
 - ✓ High-tech
 - ✓ Textile and apparel
 - ✓ Motorcycle
 - ✓ Chemical
 - ✓ Mechanical engineering

- ✓ Automotive
 ✓ ICT
 ✓ Pharmaceutical
 ✓ Energy
- Agro-processing: tobacco, rice, maize, soybean, peanut

PLANS FOR INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENT



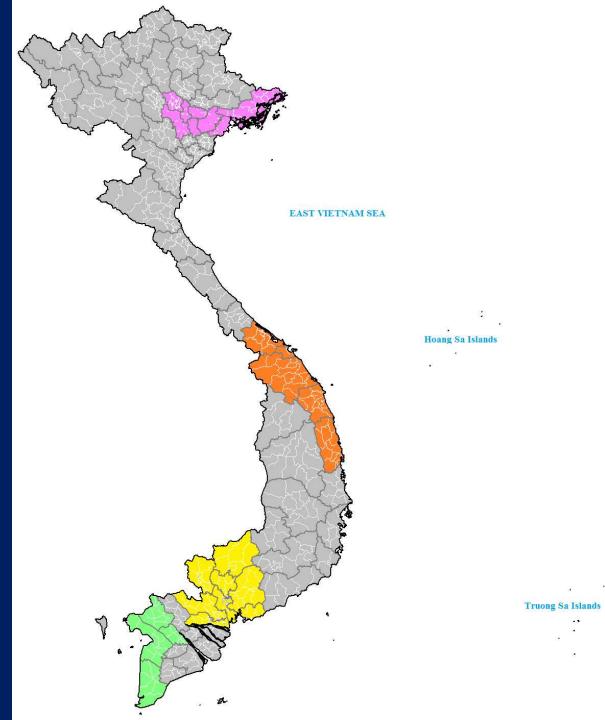
- Master plans for developments of industries:
 - ✓ Electronics
 - ✓ Steel
 - ✓ Supporting industries
 - ✓ Leather and footwear

✓ Beverage
✓ Dairy
✓ Pulp and paper

- Construction materials (including ceramic sanitary wares)
- Mineral processing (coal, bauxite, titan, apatite, lead, zinc)
- ✓ Synchronous equipment production



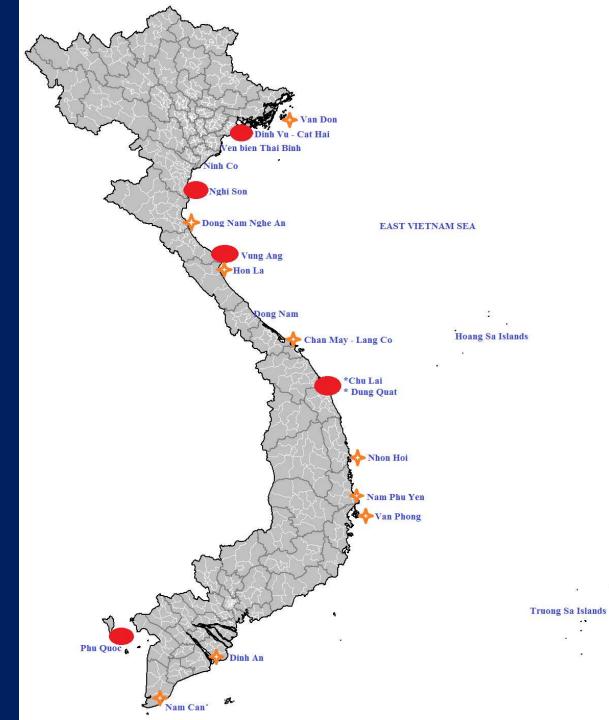
- Establishments of three pivotal economic regions (PERs) in 1997-1998
 - ✓ Northern PER: 7 provinces including Ha Noi and Hai Phong
 - ✓ Middle PER: 5 provinces including Da Nang
 - ✓ Southern PER: 8 provinces including HCM City
 - Northern and Southern PERs are industrial agglomeration regions
 - ✓ Middle PER: New industrial agglomeration
- Establishment of Mekong delta PER in 2009
 - ✓ 4 provinces including Can Tho



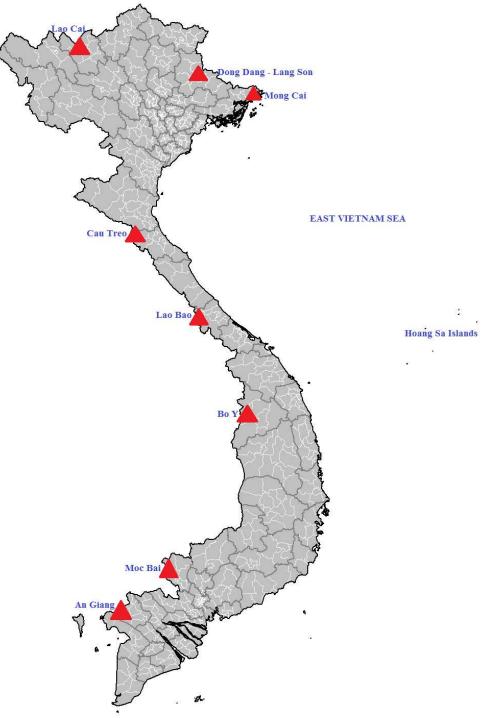




- Outside of industrial agglomeration regions, coastal economic zones (a type of SEZs) were established to become growth 'engines'
- ✓ 1999 2011: Inaugurations of 17 SEZs. Most of them locate in the Middle region.
- ✓ Aug. 2012: The issuance of an official note by the PM on 6 SEZs to be invested by the State budget (they are 5 of above 18 SEZs plus a new SEZ named Phu Quoc)
- ✓ 10 June 2013: Inauguration of Phu Quoc EZ









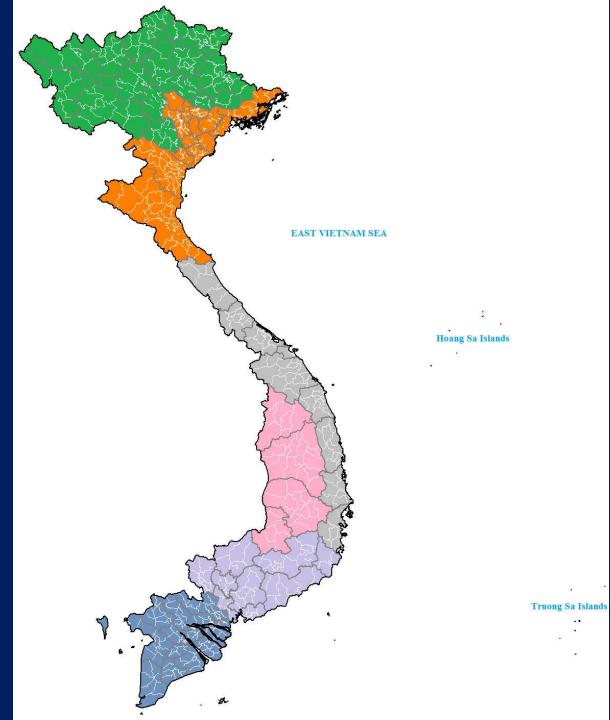
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- In 04/4/2006, the PM approved the master plan for the development of Vietnam's industry sector by territory regions until 2010 with the vision to 2020
- Vietnam is divided into 6 industrial regions (numbered from #1 to #6)







- Region I: hydropower, agro-processing, mineral processing, chemical, fertilizers, metallurgic, construction materials, mechanical engineering for agro-industry
- Region II: mechanical engineering (ship building, electric equipments, transport equipments), thermal-power, electronics and ICT, chemical, metallurgic, mineral processing, construction materials, apparel, leather and footwear, agro-processing



- Region III: agro-processing, petrochemical, ship building, mechanical engineering industry, machine tool, construction materials, apparel, leather and footwear, electronics and ICT industries
- Region IV: hydropower, agro-processing, mineral processing industries



- Region V: petrochemical, power, agroprocessing, mechanical engineering, electronics, software, chemical and pharmaceutical, apparel, leather and footwear industries
- Region VI: agro-processing, natural gas utilized, engineering for agro-industry, ship building industries

KEY 'PRO-BUSINESS' POLICIES



- Request SOEs to play the leading role.
- Provide credits to firms, especially to SOEs.
- Provide some types of incentives: land rent, corporate income tax, VAT, job training assistance, etc.
- Protective custom and tariff measures.

TRADE LIBERALISATION



- WTO member since 2007 with 'WTO-plusplus' commitments
- 8 FTA were signed:
 ✓ AFTA, 5 ASEAN+1 FTAs
 ✓ Vietnam Japan, Vietnam Chile
- Under negotiation:
 - ✓ Vietnam EU, Vietnam Korea, Vietnam EFTA, Vietnam – Customs Union of Belarus, Kazakhstan, and Russia
 - ✓ TPP✓ RCEP

CHALLENGES TO VIETNAM'S INDUSTRIAL POLICY



- Traditional challenges
 - ✓ Fierce competition from neighbors, especially from China
 - Sluggish upgrading of innovation and technology capacities
 - Persistent shortage of skilled manufacturing workers
- New challenges
 - ✓ Intl. production sharing and intl. production networks
 - ✓ Industrial clusters and intl. networks of clusters
 - ✓ Climate change



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