

NEWSLETTER FROM VIETNAM

August 2017



Collapsing church due to climate change

Nam Dinh Province

A warm welcome to all our readers

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Tien Giang to build hi-tech agriculture park

Tien Giang Province will invest VND 1.2 tril to develop a 197 ha hi-tech agriculture park. In phase I from 2017-2020, the park will cover 44 ha and the province will construct necessary infrastructure and call for hi-tech agriculture investors. In phase II (2021-2030), the province will expand the park by 153 ha with an investment of VND 924 bil. The money will be used to finalize infrastructure, build an administrative center, research facility, laboratory and training center. (*Vietnam News, 09/08/2017*)

Clean water to be provided to all households Ho Chi Minh City

The Saigon Water Corporation (Sawaco) will be financed with VND3.65 trillion (US\$160.6 million) to implement 11 projects that are expected to supply clean water to all households in Ho Chi Minh City. The funding is to be provided by the Ho Chi Minh City Finance and Investment Company (HIFC) and Vietcombank under an agreement signed on August 9. *(Nhandan, 11/08/2017)*

Van Don Special Economic Zone envisioned to be green, modern urban

The northern province of Quang Ninh has envisioned turning the Van Don special administrative-economic zone into a smart and green island urban area, according to Secretary of the provincial Party Committee Nguyen Van Doc. The special administrative-economic zone is located in Van Don district, which has a total land area of 581.13 sq.km and sea area of 1,620 sq.km with a population of over 46,000. The district has a politically and economically important position as it lies on the strategic transit route from East Asia to Southeast Asia and from ASEAN to China, in Vietnam-China “two corridors, one belt” cooperation area, in Nanning-Singapore economic corridor, and in the extended Tonkin Gulf inter-regional cooperation area. *(Vietnamnet, 18/08/2017)*

Hai Phong constructs infrastructure of new urban area

Construction of technical infrastructure for a new urban area in the north of Cam River in the port city of Hai Phong officially began at a ceremony on August 17. The project, which has a total investment of nearly VND10 trillion, is expected to be in place for 24 months. The project consists of four main items including technical infrastructure systems for the urban area in the north of Cam river; main traffic systems of the urban area (total length of around 9.958 kilometres); the dyke in the left side of Cam river (length of over 2,000 metres) and Hoang Van Thu bridge with length of over 1,138 metres. *(Nhandan, 18/08/2017)*

Ca Mau wants to build \$3.5 billion seaport

At a working session with Minister of Transport Truong Quang Nghia on August 16, Ca Mau Province proposed to develop a US\$3.5 bil seaport complex, which can receive vessels of up to 250,000 tonnes capacity, on Hon Khoai Island. Notably, Hon Khoai will be a “green” seaport with a preserved ecosystem. *(VNS, 18/08/2017)*

Ministry of Industry and Trade (MoIT) goes through big restructuring

The government has recently issued a decree on new functions, responsibilities and re-organisation at the MoIT set out to meet with new demands. Notably in the new reorganization, the general department of energy (GDE) is split into 3 different departments covering oil and coal, sustainable development and energy saving and renewable energy and electricity respectively. Following the issuance of the decree, Minister Tran Tuan Anh has signed a new decision on personnel plan in which Dang Huy Cuong, former general director of GDE is the head of the department of sustainable

development and energy saving, while Phuong Hoang Kim, former deputy general director of GDE is the head of the department of renewable energy and electricity and Nguyen Viet Son, former deputy general director of GDE is the head of the oil and coal department. *(Vietnam Net, 23/08/2017)*

FDI continues to invest in Vietnam's real estate

According to a recent report by the UK-based real estate services provider, in the first six months of 2017, Vietnam continues to attract significant foreign direct investment (FDI). Disbursed FDI reached US\$7.72 billion which is up 6.5% over the same period last year, while registered capital was estimated at US\$19.22 billion, up 54.8%. According to Savills Vietnam, the increase in FDI is largely focused on the manufacturing sector and producing results in the field industrial infrastructure development. *(Nhandan, 23/08/2017)*

Spending on fruit, veg imports rises

Vietnam imported US\$ 852 mil worth of vegetables and fruits in the first 7 months of 2017, nearly double that of the same period last year. The import revenue is estimated to exceed US\$ 1 bil this year. Vietnam mainly imported apples, oranges, kiwis, and cherries from Newzealand and Australia, mangoes, custard apples, and tamarine from Thailand, green apples from France and the US, pomegranates from Korean and vegetables from China. Vegetables and fruits imported from Thailand hold 57% of the market share, followed by China 16.8%. The national also spends billions of dollars importing other agricultural products such as maize and soy bean every years. *(Vietnam News, 24/08/2017)*

US\$678.4 mil registered for solar power projects in Tay Ninh

The People's Committee of southwestern Tay Ninh province has proposed the Ministry of Industry and Trade add 15 solar power projects to the provincial planning scheme on electricity development from 2011-2015, with a vision through 2020. The 15 projects, worth a total VND15.4 tril (US\$678.4 mil) have a designed combined capacity of 554 MW and will be implemented from 2017-2019. *(VNA, 30/08/2017)*

New circular delays modern slaughterhouses

A new circular issued by the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development has postponed the opening of modern slaughterhouses and delayed the closing of old facilities. Among other conditions, the new regulations require that "a slaughter has to locate at least 500m from residential areas, schools and hospitals". Construction of some modern slaughterhouse is delayed since the facilities will need to be changed to adapt to the new standards. *(VNA, 31/08/2017)*

EXCHANGE RATE

1US\$ = 22,582.4 VND

1EUR = 26,943.6 VND (*Oanda on 31/08/2017*)

FAIRS AND EXHIBITIONS

Seamless Vietnam 2017 Vietnam- Payment. E-commerce. Retail

Time: 06-07 September 2017

Venue: InterContinental Asiana Saigon, HCMC

Website: <http://www.terrapinn.com/exhibition/seamless-vietnam/index.stm>

International Travel Expo Hochiminh City

Time: 07-09 September 2017

Venue: Saigon Exhibition and Convention Center-SECC

Website: <https://www.itehcmc.com/en/home.html>

NEPCON Vietnam 2017

Vietnam's Only Exhibition on SMT, Testing Technologies, Equipment, and Supporting Industries for Electronics Manufacturing

Time: 13-15 September 2017

Venue: Saigon Exhibition and Convention Center-SECC

Website: <http://nepconvietnam.com/index.html>

Vietnam Plas 2017

Time: 13-16 September 2017

Venue: Saigon Exhibition and Convention Center-SECC

Website: <https://www.vietnamplas.com/>

Pharmed 2017

Time: 20-23 September 2017

Venue: Saigon Exhibition and Convention Center-SECC

Website: <http://pharmed.vn/vi>

Vietbuild Hochiminh City Phase 2

Time: 27 September - 01 October 2017

Venue: Saigon Exhibition and Convention Center-SECC

Website: <http://www.vietbuildafc.com.vn/en/Dang-ky-truc-tuyen.aspx?pg=Hoi-cho&id=72>

Vietnam PrintPack Foodtech 2017

Time: 05-08 October 2017

Venue: Saigon Exhibition and Convention Center-SECC

Website: <https://www.vietnamprintpack.com/>

Int'l Precision Engineering, Machine Tools and Metal working Exhibition and Conference

Time: 11-13 October 2017

Venue: International Center for Exhibition, 91 Tran Hung Dao, Hanoi

Website: <http://mtahanoi.com/the-exhibition/general-information/>

Metalex Vietnam 2017

Time: 12-14 October 2017

Venue: Saigon Exhibition and Convention Center-SECC

Website: <https://www.metalexvietnam.com/>

Hanoi Giftshow 2017

Time: 17-20 October 2017

Venue: 489 Hoang Quoc Viet, Hanoi

Website: <http://www.hanoigiftshow.com/index.php/en/>

Vietnam International Industrial Fair- VIIF

Time: 18-21 October 2017

Venue: International Center for Exhibition, 91 Tran Hung Dao, Hanoi

Website: www.viif.vn

12th International Woodworking Industry Fair

Time: 18-21 October 2017

Venue: Saigon Exhibition and Convention Center-SECC

Website: <https://www.vietnamwoodexpo.com/>

Concrete Expo Vietnam

Time: 25-26 October 2017

Venue: 01 Do Duc Duc Street, Me Tri Ward, Tu Liem Dist

Website: <http://www.concretevietnam.com/>

Aquaculture Vietnam 2017

Time: 25-27 October 2017

Venue: Can Tho International Exhibition Fair Center

Website: www.aquafishesexpo.com

Vietnam Pro-AV & Lighting Fair 2017

Time: 25-27 October 2017

Venue: International Center for Exhibition, 91 Tran Hung Dao, Hanoi

Website: <http://www.proavlight.com/>

Vietnam International Motorshow 2017

Time: 25-29 October 2017

Venue: Saigon Exhibition and Convention Center-SECC

Website: <http://www.vietnaminternationalmotorshow.vn/web/>

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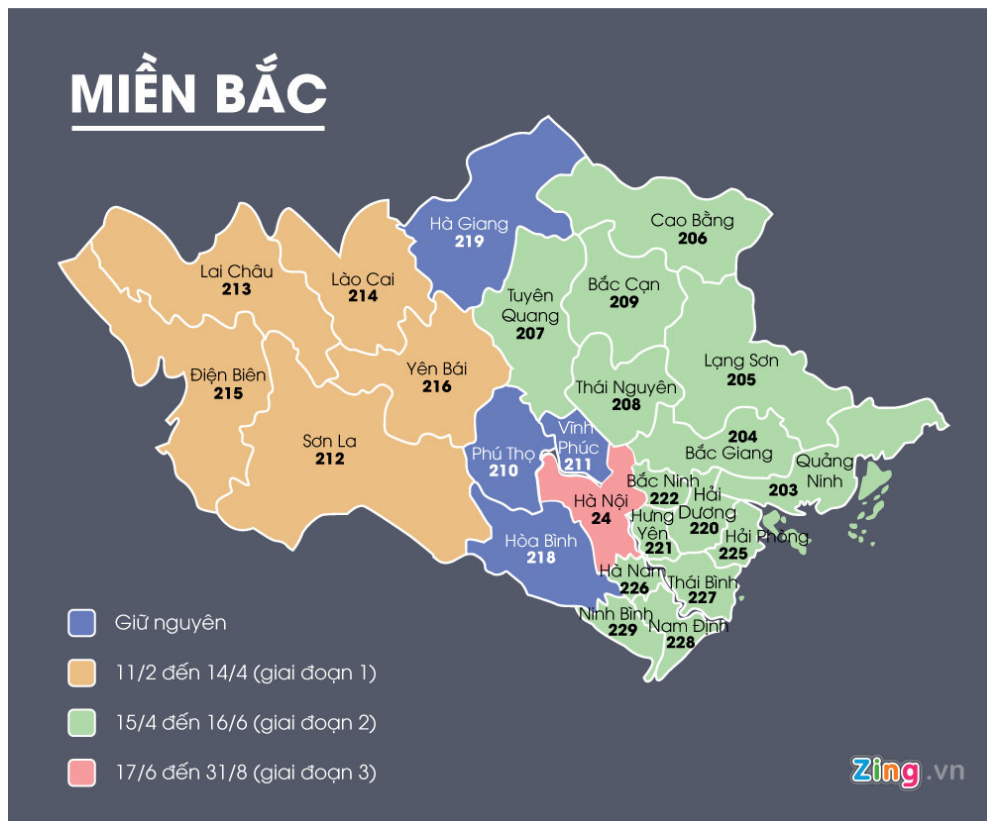
NOTICE OF TELEPHONE CODE CHANGE

A partir du 17/06/2017: pour appeler à Hanoi, il faut composer 024 au lieu de 04. Pour HCMV 028 au lieu de 08. Le changement de code est en cours ou a été accompli, étape par étape dans presque tout le pays (voir ci-dessous)

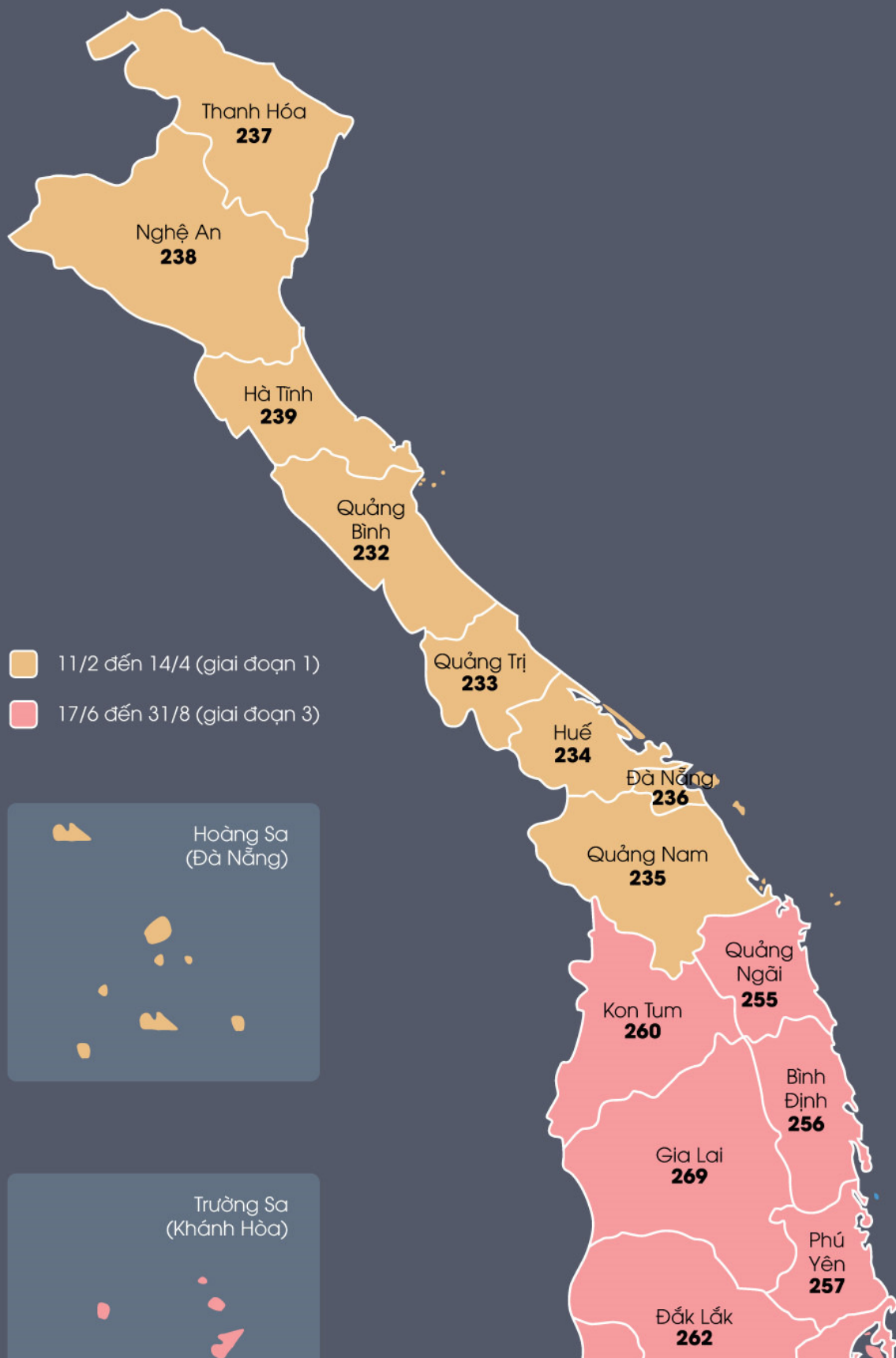
Les localités en rose (comme Hanoi, HCMV) sont dans la dernière étape.

Les localités jaune : le changement a été fait.

Les localités en vert : le changement est en cours.



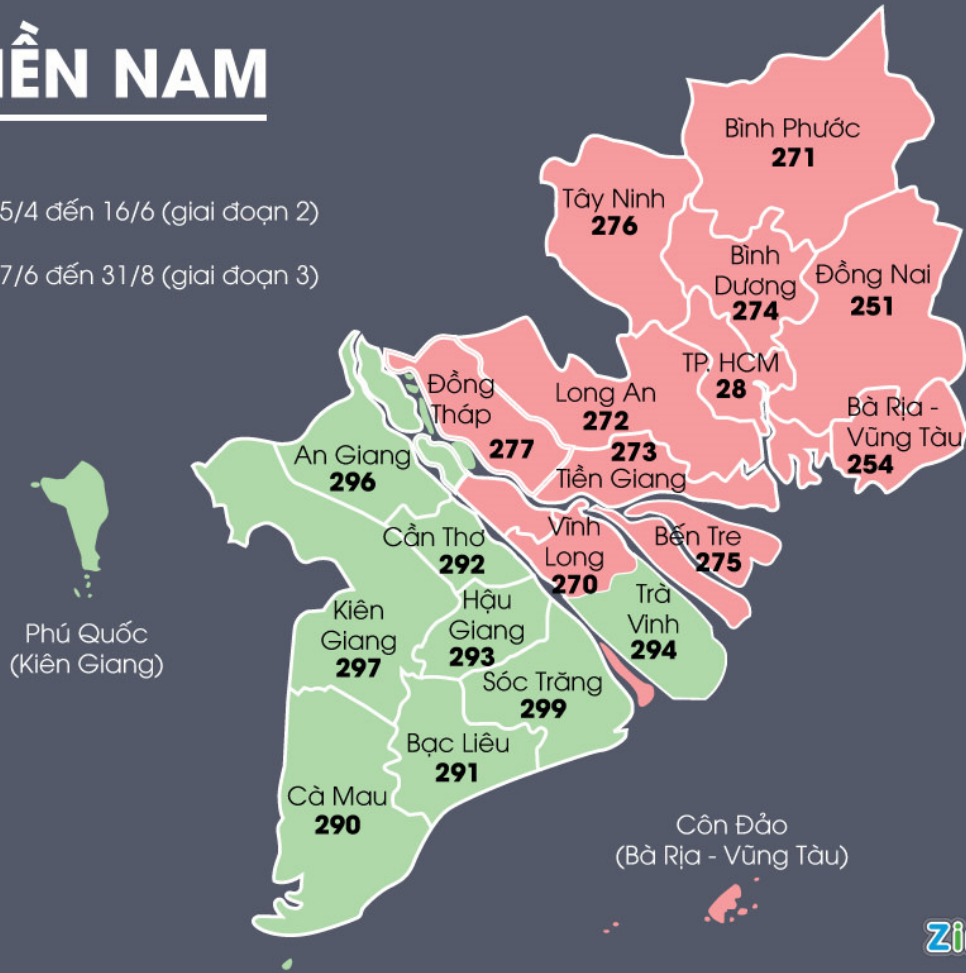
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15/4 đến 16/6 (giai đoạn 2)

17/6 đến 31/8 (giai đoạn 3)



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