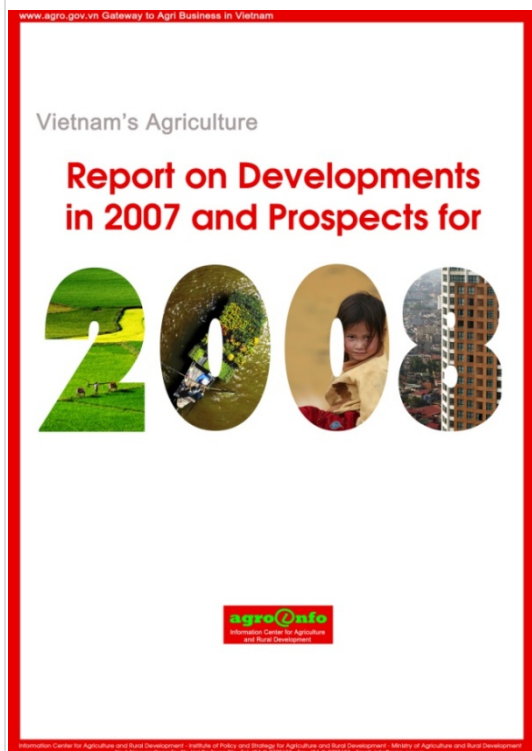


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FOREWORD

Report **Vietnam's Agriculture in 2007 and Prospects for 2008** has been the very first annual report in Vietnam that was made by an independent analysis unit, Agriculture Development Information Center (AGROINFO), Institute of Policy and Strategy for Agriculture and Rural Development (IPSARD).

The report would provide useful analyses to policy makers, business managers, researchers, donors, individuals and organizations inside and outside Vietnam that are interested in Vietnam's agriculture.

Based on the synthesis of research results of IPSARD and member units, highly credible domestic and international source of data, consultancy of prestigious experts inside and outside the industry and updated analyzing methods, the report reveals an overall picture of Vietnam's agriculture in 2007 with remarkable issues and prospects for 2008.

Report consists of main contents as following: (i) Overview of the world's and region's economy and agriculture; (ii) Overview of economy and agriculture of some main partners and competitors of Vietnam's economy and agriculture; (iii) Overview of Vietnam's economy and agriculture in 2007 (growth, investment, production, trade, etc.) and full analysis of the production, trade, price and policy for Vietnam's agricultural products at present (rice, coffee, rubber, pepper, cashew, fruits and vegetables, sugar canes, tea, animal husbandry, wood and forestry products, aquatic products); (iv) Some main issues of agriculture and rural development in 2007 and (v) Bases and forecasts of prospects of Vietnam's economy and agriculture in 2008.

Since there have been limitations and moreover, this is the first publication, report **Vietnam's agriculture in 2007 and prospects for 2008** cannot avoid certain shortcomings in terms of judgment, evaluation and data. We look forward to receiving contributions of readers so that the quality of the report will be improved more and more, better meeting the requirements of domestic and international individuals and organizations.

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