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# Vietnam Business Forum Preparation Luncheon Thursday May 18th

Following the initiative adopted at the Vietnam Consultative Group (CG) meeting in Tokyo in 1997, the first Private Sector Forum (now known as Business Forum) took place in Hue in June 1998 at the mid-term CG meeting. Since then, the Forum has been officially linked to the Consultative Group Process with donors and the government of Vietnam. The meeting is chaired by the (Deputy) Prime Minister, the Minister of Planning and Investment, and Country Director of the World Bank, and co-chaired by International Finance Corporation (IFC). The meetings of the Forum are organized by IFC semi-annually.

**VBF Overview**

**The Vietnam Business Forum (VBF)** facilitates on-going dialogue between the Vietnamese Government and the domestic and foreign private sector on a broad range of policy and sector specific issues. The VBF dialogue has contributed to the improvement of the business environment, increased the awareness of issues confronting the private sector, and ultimately help promote economic growth.

**VBF Objective**

**Working Groups:** Four Working Groups have been established to facilitate the public-private dialogue. They are: 1.Manufacturing & Distribution, 2.Infrastructure, 3.Capital Markets and 4.Banking. The Working Group consists of private sector representatives from the respective sectors.

**VBF Operations**

**The Forum:** is a plenary session where the Government and Ministerial representatives, Working Group members, and domestic and foreign business associations, and enterprises meet to discuss the results and outstanding issues from the Working Group deliberations.

## Agenda

- 11:15-11:30 am Registration of Participants
- 11:30-12:00 pm What is the VBF? Its structure, successes, and challenges
- 12:00-1:00 pm Working Group Leaders Brief About Their Groups and Activities
- 1:00-1:30 pm Preview of Upcoming VBF, June 5 in Hanoi
- 1:30-2:00 pm Additional Questions and Answers

## Speakers

Mr. Klaus Rohland, World Bank, Vietnam Country Manager,  
Mr. Sin Foong Wong, International Finance Corporation, Vietnam Country Manager  
Ministry of Planning & Investment Leader to be informed  
Leaders of the VBF Working Groups

## Venue

New World Hotel, 76 Le Lai Street, District 1, Ho Chi Minh City

## Cost

VND 300,000 for members, and co-host members  
VND 400,000 for non-members

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