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Dear Members, EuroCham is pleased to invite you to attend a business luncheon on:

Hard Landing, Soft Landing? Assessing Vietnam's economy with guest speaker Nguyen Quang A President of the Institute of Development Studies (IDS), Hanoi

Sofitel Plaza Saigon Hotel, Ho Chi Minh City, Thursday 29 May 2008

It has certainly been a jittering year so far for Vietnam's economy. Major issues include:

- Central bank officials warn of economic crisis with the real estate bubble (danger of banks being pushed into insolvency);
- A soaring trade deficit (16-17% of GDP);
- High inflation (new high of 6.02% in the first two months of 2008), if corrective measures are not taken seriously;
- A diminished stock market. Liquidity on the Ho Chi Minh City Stock Exchange (HoSE) hit the lowest level in two years on Tuesday, 13 May 2008;
- A food and energy crisis?

Outlook: a slow-down or full blown recession?

The Vietnamese government has been implementing a broad range of measures to ensure Vietnam's economy stays on track. **Dr. Nguyen Quang A, President of the Institute of Development Studies (IDS)** in Hanoi, was Chairman of VP Bank (1997-2002), Vice-chairman (2002-2006) and currently Director of the Board since 1993. He will present a thorough assessment of Vietnam's economy today and prospects for the second half of the year and beyond in this EuroCham business luncheon.

Join EuroCham and partners at this event and get the latest expert perspective!

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Venue: Sofitel Plaza Saigon Hotel, 17 Le Duan Boulevard, Dist.1, HCMC.

Programme: Registration: 11.30am Lunch & Seminar: 12.00 - 13.50 Q&A: 13.50 - 14.00 End: 14.00

Fee: Members and co-host members: 35 USD Non-members 42 USD

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