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## Kingdom-Thailand trade goes up over 26%



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Trade between Cambodia and Thailand went up by 26.46 percent in the first seven months of the year to \$2.781 billion from \$2.199 billion during the same period last year. According to data from the General Department of Customs and Excise, from January to July this year, Cambodia exported \$559 million of goods to Thailand, up 38.36 percent year on year while Thailand's exports to Cambodia were worth \$2.222 billion, up 23.85 percent from the same period in 2021. Most of Cambodia's exports to Thailand are agricultural products, while imports from Thailand to Cambodia include automobiles, fuel, construction materials, fertilizers, food products and cosmetics. In terms of trade balance, Cambodia has a trade deficit with Thailand to the tune of \$1.663 billion, or nearly four times greater than its exports. According to the sixth meeting of the Joint Trade Committee (JTC), the two sides had set a bilateral trade target of \$15 billion in 2020. Hong Vannak, the economic researcher at the Royal Academy of Cambodia, explained that Thailand and Cambodia could not reach the target by 2020 mainly because annual bilateral trade between Cambodia and China rose by over \$10 billion. "Due to competition, a country sometimes will have to make adjustments on the volume of bilateral trade, depending on demand from others. For example, Cambodia has particularly good relations with China and for increasing trade with China, it may have to reduce orders from Thailand," he said. Second, there are sometimes shortages in the supply of certain products from Thailand, forcing it to act as a broker and

source the products directly from China or other partners and supply to the Cambodian market, Vannak added. "Moreover, there is a free trade agreement between China and Cambodia which further enhances the bilateral trade flow mechanism between the two," he pointed out. "Cambodia also could not meet the demand from Thailand due to the small size of our economy and low production capacity. So, the government is trying to promote the manufacturing capacity of Small and Medium Enterprise (SMEs) to meet the rising demand," Vannak explained. Thailand is Cambodia's fourth largest trading partner. Bilateral trade volume between the two countries in the first seven months of this year accounted for 22.2 percent of Cambodia's total trade, while China ranked first with a trade volume of \$6.97 billion. The US is the second largest trading partner with \$5.89 billion worth of trade and Vietnam comes next with \$3.76 billion.

Source: <https://www.khmertimeskh.com/501139113/kingdom-thailand-trade-goes-up-over-26/>

## Japan Donates Vehicles and Rescue Equipment to Help Flood-Stricken

Laos



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The vehicles were presented to the Minister of Labor and Social Welfare, Ms. Baykham Khattiya, on Wednesday by Mr. Kenichi Kobayashi, the Japanese Ambassador to Laos. The supplies were made available through a grant aid program in Laos, the Japan Grant Aid for the Economic and Social Development Program, which totals JPY 1 billion (over USD 7 million). Donations included Toyota

vehicles, portable water purifiers, and equipment to assist in search and rescue operations when searching for flood survivors. Ambassador Kobayashi expressed his hope that the donation will be useful for the Lao government in coping with current and future natural disasters. The Minister of Labor and Social Welfare thanked the ambassador and the people of Japan for the donation.

Source: <https://laotiantimes.com/2022/08/29/japan-donates-vehicles-and-rescue-equipment-to-help-flood-stricken-laos/>

## YRIC endorses 4 foreign manufacturing projects on CMP basis with 2,369 jobs

 Myanmar News | 28 August, 2022

The Yangon Region Investment Committee (YRIC) endorsed four foreign enterprises in the manufacturing sector at the meeting held on 25 August, with an estimated capital of US\$5.143 million. Those enterprises will create 2,369 jobs for residents. They will execute the production of HDPE, PP woven and non-woven bags and sacks, production and selling of clothes, fabric and garments, and production and selling of plastic bags on a Cutting Making and Packing (CMP) basis. In the first half of 2022 (Jan-June), foreign direct investments of over \$159 million were given the go-ahead to invest in the country. The FDIs stood at over \$41 million from China, over \$59 million from Hong Kong, over \$21 million from Singapore, over

\$17 million from the Republic of Korea, over \$6 million from Japan, and over \$7 million from Chinese Taipei and over \$5 million from Indonesia. Only the Asian countries have pumped foreign investments into the country so far, according to the statistics released by the Directorate of Investment and Company Administration. — TWA/GNLM

Source: <https://www.gnlm.com.mm/yric-endorses-4-foreign-manufacturing-projects-on-cmp-basis-with-2369-jobs/>

## Vietnam's exports to CPTPP members amount to US\$31 billion

 Vietnam News | 27 August, 2022

HCMC – Vietnam has seen a steep increase in exports to members of the Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership (CPTPP) despite global economic uncertainties. Vietnam's exports to CPTPP members in the first seven months expanded 21.43% over the same period to nearly US\$31.5 billion, accounting for 14.48% of the country's total exports. According to the Ministry of Industry and Trade, since the CPTPP took effect in January 2019, Vietnam has seen exports to these markets soaring. The member markets that imported strongly from Vietnam in 2021 included Singapore, Malaysia, Japan, Australia, Canada, Mexico and Chile. Japan was the largest export market of Vietnam in the period with a value of US\$13.44 billion, up 13.39% year on year, followed by Canada with US\$3.87 billion, up nearly

32.2%, and Malaysia with US\$3.46 billion, up 4.26%.The sectors have taken advantage of the trade pact to boost exports, such as electronics, garments and textiles, shoes and agro-products.According to experts, one of the difficulties faced by enterprises exporting goods to these markets is CPTPP's rules of origin, considered more complicated than that of other FTAs to which Vietnam is a signatory.

Source: <https://english.thesaigontimes.vn/vietnam-exports-to-cptpp-members-amount-to-us31-billion/>

## Vietnam attracts nearly 16.8 bln USD in FDI in eight months



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Vietnam raked in nearly 16.8 billion USD in foreign direct investment (FDI) as of August 20, down 12.3% year-on-year, according to the Foreign Investment Agency (FIA) under the Ministry of Planning and Investment. In the period, a remarkable decrease was seen in the value of newly-registered capital, down 43.9% to 6.35 billion USD. Meanwhile, additional capital injected into existing projects rose by 50.7% to 7.5 billion USD; and capital contributions and share purchases was up 3.6% to 2.9 billion USD.Experts said that although Vietnam is still assessed as an attractive destination, the current world developments such as Russia-Ukraine tensions, supply chain disruptions and escalating inflation have remarkably affected FDI influxes into the country and other Southeast Asian

nations.During January-August, 12.8 billion USD of foreign-invested projects was disbursed, up 10.5% year-on-year, signaling foreign investors' confidence in Vietnam's investment prospects in the coming time.Processing and manufacturing continued to lure the largest FDI capital, with 10.7 billion USD, accounting for 63.9% of the total. It was followed by real estate business, with over 3.3 billion USD, making up 19.9% of the total.Singapore topped the list of the 94 nations and territories pouring capital in Vietnam in the period, with 4.53 billion USD, accounting for 27% of the total. It was followed by the Republic of Korea and Japan, with nearly 3.5 billion USD and 1.49 billion USD, respectively.Ho Chi Minh City attracted the largest capital, with more than 2.7 billion USD, making up 16.1% of the total, followed by Binh Duong with nearly 2.64 billion USD, and Bac Ninh nearly 1.75 billion USD.As of August 20, the country had over 35,500 valid projects totaling over 430 billion USD. Meanwhile, disbursement is estimated at 264.4 billion USD, equal to 61.5% of the total valid registered capital.In the first eight months of this year, the foreign-invested sector reported an export value of 184.66 billion USD (including crude oil), up 17% year-on-year and accounting for 73.9% of the total./.

Source: <https://vietnamnet.vn/en/vietnam-attracts-nearly-16-8-blN-usd-in-fdi-in-eight-months-2053966.html>