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SYMBOLS USED IN TABLES
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.. not available
- zero
. insignificant
ABBREVIATIONS

ADB  Asian Development Bank
AFTA ASEAN Free Trade Area
ASEAN Association of Southeast Asian Nations
CBR  crude birth rate
CDF  Comprehensive Development Framework
CIEM Central Institute of Economic Management
CIS  Commonwealth of Independent States
CMEA Council for Mutual Economic Assistance
CPI  Consumer Price Index
CPV  Communist Party of Vietnam
CSCER Central Steering Committee for Enterprise Reform
DAC development assistance community
EPZ  export processing zone
ESAP Enhanced Structural Adjustment Program
EU  European Union
FDI  foreign direct investment
GDP  gross domestic product
GNP  gross national product
GSO  General Statistical Office
HDI  Human Development Index
HRD  human resource development
IFPRI International Food Policy Research Institute
IMF  International Monetary Fund
IRRI International Rice Research Institute
LSMS Living Standards Measurement Study
MARD Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development
MFI  multilateral financial institutions
MOFI Ministry of Finance
MOJ  Ministry of Justice
MOLISA Ministry of Labour, Invalids and Social Affairs
MPI Ministry of Planning and Investment
NIC newly industrialised country
ODA official development assistance
OECD Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development
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<td>PIP</td>
<td>Public Investment Program</td>
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<td>Structural Adjustment Credit</td>
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<td>SBVN</td>
<td>State Bank of Viet Nam</td>
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<td>SGELI</td>
<td>Steering Group for Enterprise Law Implementation</td>
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<td>SOE</td>
<td>state-owned enterprise</td>
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