



**OPENING SPEECH BY DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER OF THE SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF  
VIETNAM  
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AT THE THIRD INTERNATIONAL ROUNDTABLE  
MANAGING FOR DEVELOPMENT RESULTS  
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*Ladies and Gentlemen, Distinguished Guests,*

On behalf of the Government of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam, I would like to warmly welcome all of the distinguished representatives from different countries, donor countries and organisations, non-governmental organisations and private entities to the Third Roundtable on Managing for Development Results held in our capital city Hanoi.

This Roundtable is an important event, especially in the context of donors and partner countries actively implementing Paris Declaration on Aid Effectiveness which was adopted at the Second High-Level Forum on Aid Effectiveness in Paris in March 2005, and as we look forward to the Third High-Level Forum to be held in Ghana in 2008.

As you all know, 'Managing for Development Results' was first discussed at the First Roundtable in Monterrey in 2002, following which donors and recipient countries have made great efforts to improve ways of management for maximized development results, developing and sharing best practices and methodologies in managing for development results.

Building on the earlier achievements, in the Second Roundtable, which was held in Marrakech in 2004, donors and recipient countries agreed on five principles for managing results. They are: Increasing dialogues, linking planning, monitoring and evaluation with results, simplifying indicators, and use of results information. The Second Roundtable also endorsed the Action Plan on Managing for Development Results.

Most recently, in the Second High Level Forum on Aid Effectiveness, donors and recipient countries adopted Paris Declaration on Aid Effectiveness, one objective of which is "to manage and deliver aid for expected results and to use of results information for decision making".

*Ladies and Gentlemen,*

The Vietnamese Government and donors in Vietnam have recognised the importance of enhancing aid effectiveness in its contribution to achieving the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) and Vietnam Development Goals (VDGs). Vietnam has been an active participant in international and regional fora on aid effectiveness and one of the first countries to localise the Paris Declaration into its Hanoi Core Statement on Aid Effectiveness.

Vietnam has adopted world's best practices in Managing for development results in the process of developing its 5-year Social and Economic Development Plan (SEDP) 2006-2010 in an innovative way, with wide consultations of the public and donor community. SEDP's indicators will be regularly monitored and periodically evaluated with support from statistics to enhance implementation process and provide inputs for decisions making.



Vietnam's SEDP 2006-2010 has been adopted by our National Assembly and is now the legal basis for mobilising internal and external resources to meet the set out objectives aiming at balanced and sustainable development of the three pillars: economic growth- social development and environment protection. Vietnam also attaches importance to poverty reduction and is trying to escape underdevelopment status by 2010 and endeavoring to become an industrialised country by 2020.

*Ladies and Gentlemen,*

I understand that the main objective of the Roundtable is to achieve firm political commitments as well as agreed action plan among donors and partner countries on enhancing aid effectiveness by managing for development results. As an outcome of the Roundtable, countries and donor organisations shall develop their own action plans on managing for development results as well as making political commitments for the future.

On behalf of the Government of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam, I would like to wish this Roundtable great success, and as we are quite close to the Vietnamese Lunar New Year, may I extend to you all and your families the best of greetings for the New Year. May you be filled with lots of health and happiness.