

THE PRIME MINISTER

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Den Ar. Sinh.

Thank you for welcoming me so warmly to the Ho Chi Minh City Stock Exchange during my recent visit to Vietnam.

It was great to be able to return to Ho Chi Minh twenty one years after I first visited in 1994. The city has been transformed in this time and the Stock Exchange is the embodiment of a dynamic commercial centre that can be seen today. I was particularly encouraged to hear of your growth over the last 15 years and your focus on transparent working as a driver for economic development.

I am grateful to you for the hospitality you extended in hosting a number of meetings for my business delegation. These discussions had a strong focus on a closer business partnership between the UK and Vietnam, and especially shared opportunities in the fin-tech sector. I hope my visit is just the beginning of much closer commercial collaboration between the UK and Vietnam and encourage you to continue to work closely with our Consulate General in support of this.

I know how much hard work went into planning my visit so please pass on my gratitude to all of your staff involved. I am particularly grateful for the extra efforts you and your team made to ensure that we were able to use your balcony for media interviews. May I also thank you for the generous gift I received.