

# INTRODUCTION

On 25 February 2010, the General Statistical Office's Director General issued the Decision and the Plan of the 2010 Labour Force Survey. This is the sample survey conducted 2 periods in 2010 to collect information that reflects the labour force and the status of working time use.

This report has introduced major findings from the Labour Force Survey (LFS) conducted in April and October 2010 by General Statistics Office (GSO) in order to collect basic information on labour market in 2010, comparable with previous annual labour force surveys of the GSO, in accordance with international standards. The survey will support for assessing the impacts of the current global economic downturn to the Viet Nam labour market. The data taken from the survey would represent to the national level, urban/rural residence, 6 socio-economic regions after each period of the survey and centrally governed 63 provinces/cities for both of 2 periods of the survey.

This report has been prepared to provide as much information as possible to data users. Part I describes important technical issues of the survey; Part II presents sample results together with the key analytical data and Part III includes the most fundamental data tables. More detailed data can be tabulated from survey micro-data files when users have demand. The General Statistics Office hope that this report will meet basic demands for information from researchers and socio-economic policy makers, especially from those whose work relates to labour force and employment.

Even though we have tried hard, it is hardly free from errors in data collection and compilation, the General Statistics Office would like to receive all constructive comments from readers. Please send your comments to the Department of Population and Labour Statistics, the General Statistics Office, No 6B Hoang Dieu, Ba Dinh, Ha Noi.

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