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**DECISION OF THE DIRECTOR OF PROJECT  
“VIETNAM ECONOMIC RESEARCH NETWORK” (VERN)  
ON RESEARCH PROPOSALS SELECTED FOR IDRC FUNDING**

Director of Project “Vietnam Economic Research Network” received the minutes of meeting of the Selection Committee of VERN held on 16 June 2003 (The minutes are attached). On the basis of the recommendation by the Selection Committee, Director of VERN decides that the following research teams are awarded IDRC funding for their proposed studies:

	<b>VERN No</b>	<b>Leader</b>	<b>Institutes/ Organizations</b>	<b>Proposed Titles of Research</b>
1	6	Dang Nhu Van	Institute of Economics	From Productivity to Competitiveness: Three Essays on How the Competitive Edge of Vietnam’s Textiles and Garments Firms Can Be Improved
2	9/34	Nguyen Thi Lan Huong (RCFL) and Doan Hong Quang	Institute of Labour Science and Social Affairs (MOLISA)/ Institute of World Economy	Wage and Employment Effects of Trade Reform: The Case of Vietnam
3	26	La Hai Anh	Hanoi National Economics University	Export Competitiveness of Vietnam, China, and members of ASEAN in US and Japan Markets

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4	13	Tran Quoc Trung	Industry Department, MPI	Trade Liberalization and Non-farm Household Enterprises in Vietnam: Challenges or Opportunities ahead?
5	1	Bui Thi Tam	Hue university	Trade Liberalization and Employment in Agricultural Sector - The Case of Central Provinces, Vietnam

Given the relatively low analytical workload of Team 26, it may be asked to create trade variables and their mapping with income/expenditure vectors of households in the VLSSs 93 and 98 and VHLSS 02 for use by some other VERN teams. This will be discussed and agreed with the international academic advisors and relevant VERN teams at the implementation stage.

VERN's Director also decides that Team 23, led by Nguyen Thi Canh with research topic "Determining the Factors Affecting on the Competitiveness of Enterprises in Vietnam Foodstuff Processing Industry in the Process of Integration. (The Case Study for Ho Chi Minh City)" is allowed to re-submit the proposal to the Selection Committee by the end of August 2003. The new version then should fully take into account comments by the advisors on the first draft of the full proposal. This research may be awarded IDRC funding by VERN's Director, if it is so recommended by the international academic advisors, in consultation with other members of the Selection Committee and VERN office.

This decision is effective from the signing date. The VERN office is required to implement it based on the VERN project document.

Director of the Institute of Economics,  
Director of VERN,

Prof. Dr. Do Hoai Nam (signed)