

# **Growth, Structural Transformation, and Rural Change in Viet Nam**

**A Rising Dragon on the Move**

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