

The list of the honourees, operating in 27 business lines, is publicised on the MoIT portal www.moit.gov.vn and the websites of some relevant agencies.



In May this year, the MoIT coordinated with other ministries, sectors, business associations, provincial-level departments of industry and trade, and related agencies to select and publish the list of nominees on its website to collect public feedback.

They were chosen based on the MoIT's criteria, including the minimum export revenue, business prestige among foreign partners, and performance of their customs, tax, and environmental obligations.

The selection aims to encourage Vietnamese enterprises to promote export and expand the market, particularly as the country has participated in many bilateral and multilateral free trade agreements. The MoIT expects those prestigious exporters will continue making efforts to affirm their positions in the world business community.

According to figures by the General Statistics Office, Việt Nam's total import and export turnover in the first 11 months of this year reached US\$673 billion, of which exports were valued at \$342.21 billion, up 13.4 per cent.

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AGRO-FORESTRY-FISHERY EXPORTS SET NEW RECORD

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The country's agro-forestry-fishery exports stood at about US\$4.27 billion in November, bringing the total turnover in the first 11 months up to \$49.04 billion, higher than last year's record of \$48.6 billion, according to the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development (MARD).

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Between January and November, key agricultural products brought home more than \$20.73 billion, a yearly hike of 6.6 per cent; main forestry products (\$15.59 billion, up 8.2 per cent); seafood (\$10.14 billion, up 27 per cent); production input (\$2.2 billion, up 38 per cent) and animal farming (\$361.4 million, down 8.4 per cent).

Many products saw increases in both export volume and value in the period including wood products with \$14.6 billion, up 9 per cent; coffee (\$3.5 billion, 32 per cent); rubber (\$2.9 billion, 3 per cent); rice (\$3.2 billion, 9 per cent); *tra* fish (\$2.2 billion, 62 per cent) in addition to shrimp (\$4.1 billion, 15 per cent); cassava and cassava products (\$1.2 billion, 3.2 per cent) and pepper (\$895 million, 3.2 per cent).