

WELCOME LETTER

On behalf of the Ministry of Industry and Trade, I would like to warmly welcome representatives of businesses and entrepreneurs attending the Ho Chi Minh Export Furniture Fair - HawaExpo 2023. The fair takes place from February 22 to 25, 2023 at Saigon Exhibition and Convention Center - SECC, 799 Nguyen Van Linh, District 7, Ho Chi Minh City.

The Ministry of Industry and Trade highly appreciates the efforts and close coordination of 5 major associations of the wood industry, including the Vietnam Timber and Forest Products Association (VIFOREST), the Handicraft and Wood Industry Association of Ho Chi Minh City (HAWA), the Binh Duong Furniture Association (BIFA), Dong Nai Wood and Handicraft Industry Association (DOWA), and Forest Products Association of Binh Dinh (FPA Binh Dinh), especially is the direct role of Ho Chi Minh City Department of Industry and Trade, Viforest Fair and HAWA in organizing the Ho Chi Minh City Furniture & Furniture Export Fair - HawaExpo 2023.

With the dynamism and efforts of all Wood Associations, through the support of Vietnam Trade Promotion Agency and Vietnam Trade Office agencies in other countries, I am confident that HawaExpo 2023 will leave a positive impression while also attracting international businesses and partners. The fair is expected to give the wood industry a new image, play an important and practical role, and bring opportunities for businesses and the development of Vietnam's wood industry in the near future.

I wish the Ho Chi Minh Export Furniture Fair - HawaExpo 2023 a success and the participants reach many goals.

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