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## ***Vietnam earnings from produce rise***

Vietnam's earnings from fresh fruit and vegetable exports rose by nearly 20 per cent in the first five months of this year



**V**ietnam earned nearly US\$1.7bn from exporting fruits and vegetables in the first five months of this year, up 19.6 per cent on 2017, according to Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development figures quoted on Xinhuanet.com.

The website added that the Vietnamese Ministry of Industry and Trade has accelerated negotiations

with some foreign countries to intensify exports of star-apple and mango to the US market; red dragonfruit to Japan; lychee, longan and rambutan to Australia; as well as other fruits and vegetables to new markets.

Provincial authorities in Vietnam's northern Hai Duong province have plans to export 1,000 tonnes of its unique lychee variety 'thieu', the site said

The Thieu lychee trees are grown according to VietGAP or GlobalGAP standards, meeting strict requirements of export markets such as the US, Australia and the EU, the report said.