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**NAM DINH VU PORT**

AT THE CROSSROADS OF GREEN AND DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION

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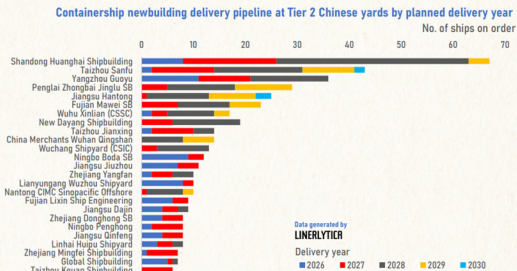


# MARINE MARKET UPDATE

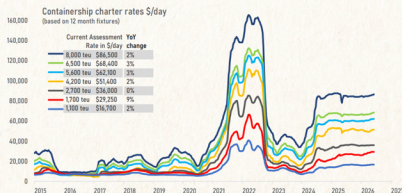
The Iran war has not triggered a stagflationary shock but has instead driven a fresh container cargo boom that has sent freight rates to a new 18 month high.

Demand for AI-related technology and renewable energy products have driven an early peak season cargo surge with a new round of rate hikes still planned on 15 June after carriers pushed through the 1 June rate hike and Peak Season Surcharge implementation. The positive momentum is driven by both a shortage of vessel space and box equipment and the tight market is expected to last through July, prompting carriers to redeploy ships to the Transpacific and Latin America routes which are the most lucrative currently, while cutting India/Middle East-North America capacity where rates are currently weak.

## CONTAINERSHIP ORDERBOOK HIT NEW HIGH AS 2ND TIER CHINESE YARDS MAKE STEADY GAINS



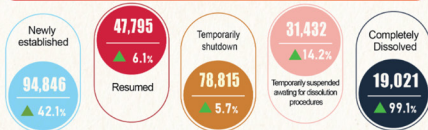
The containership orderbook has reached a new post 2010 high of 39% with total order backlog of 1,630 ships for 13,28m TEU. With most of the Tier 1 shipyards in China fully booked through the end of 2028, recent orders have been mostly secured by smaller yards that are still able to offer 2028 deliveries. Total new capacity scheduled for delivery in 2028 has already reached a record high of 5.4m TEU, with slots still available at some of these smaller Tier 2 shipyards.



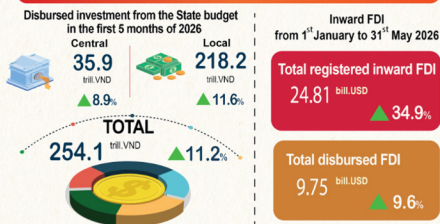
The lack of open tonnage and limited newbuilding deliveries in the last 2 month, as well as persistent port congestion have sent charter rates surging to fresh highs. A full fixture list comprising of extensions and fresh charters in the first week of June reveals heavy charter activity with charter rates still rising across the board.

## INFOGRAPHIC: ECONOMIC SITUATION IN MAY 2026

### ENTERPRISE REGISTRATION IN THE FIRST 5 MONTHS OF 2026 (YoY)



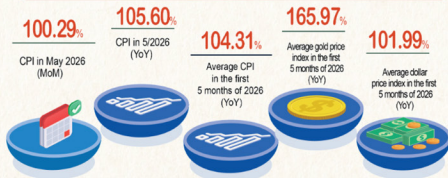
### INVESTMENT (YoY)



### EXPORT AND IMPORT OF GOODS IN THE FIRST 5 MONTHS OF 2026 (YoY)



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# VIET NAM NEWS

## FOREIGN DIRECT INVESTMENT ATTRACTION IN THE FIRST FIVE MONTHS OF 2026

### FOREIGN INVESTMENT

- Total registered capital (including newly registered, adjusted, and capital contributions/share purchases) reached over USD 24.81 billion, a 34.9% increase compared to the same period in 2025.
- Realized project capital was estimated at USD 9.75 billion, up 9.6% year-on-year. This marks the highest realized capital for the first 5 months in the past 5 years (2022-2026 period).
- Newly registered capital reached USD 14.84 billion with 1,576 projects (representing a 1.7% increase in the number of projects and a 2.1 fold increase in registered capital).
- Adjusted registered capital reached USD 5.78 billion across 415 projects (a 32.1% decrease compared to the same period last year).
- Capital contributions and share purchases totaled USD 4.19 billion across 1,164 transactions, up 46.7% year-on-year (notably, USD 3.62 billion was spent on share acquisitions without increasing charter capital).

### INVESTMENT PARTNERS

- Singapore led with nearly USD 6.8 billion, accounting for over 45.9% of total newly registered capital.
- South Korea ranked second with USD 4.22 billion, accounting for 28.4%.
- Followed by China (USD 1.79 billion, 12.1%), Japan (USD 712.6 million, 4.8%), Hong Kong (USD 397.3 million), and the Netherlands (USD 380.3 million).

### TOP LOCALITIES IN FDI ATTRACTION

- Thai Nguyen led the country with USD 7.7 billion.
- Ho Chi Minh City ranked second with nearly USD 4 billion.
- Followed by Nghe An (over USD 2.3 billion), Bac Ninh, and Hanoi in the leading group.

### EXPORT-IMPORT TURNOVER OF THE FDI SECTOR (INCL. CRUDE OIL)

- Exports: Reached USD 172.16 billion, up 24.7% year-on-year, accounting for 79.8% of the country's total export turnover.
- Imports: Reached USD 165.2 billion, up 34.3% year-on-year, accounting for approximately 72% of the country's total import turnover.

### FDI TRADE SURPLUS

Approximately USD 7 billion.



## LOGISTICS & ADMINISTRATIVE REFORM

### 1. IMPORT-EXPORT: REVISION OF 36 PROCEDURES AND COMPREHENSIVE REFORM OF CERTIFICATE OF ORIGIN (C/O) ISSUANCE

To help businesses maximize the benefits of Free Trade Agreements (FTAs), the Ministry of Industry and Trade officially implemented new regulations effective **May 1, 2026**, under **Circular No. 12/2026/TT-BCT**.

**Key highlights include:**

- **Comprehensive C/O reform:** A total of **36 administrative procedures** related to the issuance of preferential and non-preferential Certificates of Origin have been revised and streamlined. The changes cover major FTAs, including **ASEAN, CPTPP, RCEP, China, Korea, Japan, and UKVFTA**, while also providing greater flexibility for goods originating from bonded warehouses and non-tariff zones.
- **Greater business autonomy:** Requirements for approval documents related to **self-certification of origin within ASEAN** have been simplified, reducing administrative burdens and bringing Vietnam's procedures closer to international best practices.

### 2. MARITIME & INLAND WATERWAYS: ACCELERATING DECENTRALIZATION AND ELIMINATING OVERLAPPING PROCEDURES

In line with the Government's agenda to simplify administrative procedures, ministries and local authorities are accelerating the implementation of new regulatory measures.

**Notable developments include:**

- **Ministry of Construction:** Issued **Decision No. 569/QĐ-BXD** (effective May 15, 2026), detailing the implementation of **Decree No. 106/2026/ND-CP** on inland container depot (ICD) investment and operation. The decision revises procedures for announcing the opening of ICDs, reducing approval timelines and administrative delays.
- **Hanoi:** The Hanoi Public Administrative Service Center issued **Decision No. 634/QĐ-TTPVHCC** (May 8, 2026), abolishing outdated administrative procedures in the maritime and inland waterway sectors previously managed by the Hanoi Department of Construction.
- **Hai Phong & Da Nang:** Both cities have proactively adopted the new decentralization framework, granting greater authority to local administrations in channel dredging management and port opening/closure announcements, thereby reducing processing pressure on central authorities.

### 3. INFRASTRUCTURE & INVESTMENT: LEGALIZING "GREEN PORT" AND "SMART PORT" STANDARDS

Vietnam's maritime and logistics infrastructure sector is approaching a significant regulatory milestone as the Ministry of Construction seeks public consultation on the draft **Vietnam Maritime and Waterways Code (Amended)**.

Key proposals include:

- **Clear legal definitions:** The draft formally introduces core concepts such as:
  - **Green Port** – focusing on greenhouse gas emission reduction and climate change adaptation.
  - **Smart Port** – leveraging automation and digital technologies to optimize logistics operations and supply chains.
  - **Alternative Fuels** – supporting the transition toward sustainable maritime transportation.
- **Catalyst for ESG investment:** The legal recognition of these concepts will provide a foundation for developing unified technical standards, enabling the Government to introduce financial incentives and policy support mechanisms that attract green investment capital. This is expected to strengthen Vietnam's maritime and logistics ecosystem and enhance its ability to meet increasingly stringent global ESG requirements.

The proposed reforms represent a significant step toward building a more competitive, sustainable, and future-ready logistics sector, while reinforcing Vietnam's position within global supply chains.





*On May 21, 2026, the Forum “Developing the Maritime Financial Ecosystem within the Vietnam International Financial Center in Ho Chi Minh City” officially took place at VIFC-HCMC, gathering more than 100 leaders, experts, financial institutions, port-logistics enterprises, and international organizations.*

***The event marked the official launch of IMFC — one of the four strategic pillars of VIFC-HCMC — with the vision of positioning Ho Chi Minh City as a “capital transit port” for Vietnam’s maritime economy.***

During the forum, VIFC-HCMC and Gemadept Group signed a strategic partnership agreement to promote the “port-to-finance” model, connecting ports, logistics, and international capital flows. The event also introduced Vietnam’s first maritime financial initiatives, paving the way for the localization of high-value maritime financial services and strengthening Vietnam’s position within the global logistics and trade ecosystem.

**Source:**

<https://vifc.gov.vn/en/news/imfe-2026-maritime-financial-eco-system-forum-laying-the-foundation-for-an-international-maritime-financial-ecosystem-in-vietnam>

# GEMADEPT NEWS

## TOP 50 MOST REPUTABLE AND EFFECTIVE PUBLIC COMPANIES (VIX50) 2026

*Gemadep Group (HOSE: GMD) has once again been honored in the "Top 50 Prestigious and Effective Public Companies" (VIX50) ranking for 2026, jointly organized by Vietnam Report (Vietnam Report Joint Stock Company) and VietNamNet Newspaper.*

Over the years, VIX50 ranking has become a trusted benchmark for Vietnam's leading listed companies, highly regarded by both domestic and international investor communities.

The prestige of this award is built upon a scientific and multi-dimensional methodology, designed to provide the most comprehensive and objective evaluation.

***This recognition from VIX50 once again affirms Gemadep's position and strategic vision in pioneering Vietnam's leading integrated Port - Logistics ecosystem—a convergence of robust scale, operational efficiency, sustainable development, and transparency. This serves as a solid launchpad for Gemadep to break through toward its Vision 2030, striving to realize an ambitious growth target of up to 20% annually over the next five years.***

To achieve these strategic goals, Gemadep remains steadfast in its medium- and long-term vision by continuously strengthening and optimizing its integrated Port - Logistics ecosystem. The Group is committed to delivering superior solutions that streamline economic flows while creating sustainable added value for the nation, businesses, shareholders, and accompanying partners.



# GEMADEPT NEWS

## ENHANCE CUSTOMER EXPERIENCE

*With a commitment to continuously improving service quality and customer experience, Nam Dinh Vu Port has introduced a range of new facilities and conveniences to support customers throughout their transaction and port clearance processes.*

### 24/7 ELECTRIC SHUTTLE SERVICE

The port's electric shuttle service officially commenced operations on June 3, featuring 15 pick-up and drop-off points across key locations within the port. This service enables customers to conveniently travel to inspection, quarantine, customs examination, and cargo handling areas, enhancing safety and improving operational efficiency.



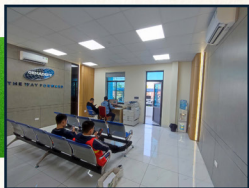
### SUN-SHADING LOUVERS AT THE CUSTOMS SUPERVISION AREA

A sun-shading louver system has been installed along the second-floor corridor of the Customs Supervision Area, creating a more comfortable environment and improving convenience for customers during administrative procedures.



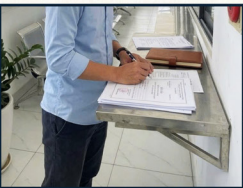
### CUSTOMER SERVICE LOUNGE

The customer lounge is equipped with desktop computers, printers, workstations, air conditioning, charging outlets, and complimentary drinking water. Conveniently located near government agencies and operational departments, the facility allows customers to handle paperwork more efficiently and comfortably while waiting for procedures to be completed.



### DOCUMENT WRITING STATIONS AT THE SECOND-FLOOR CUSTOMS AREA

Wall-mounted writing desks have been added to assist customers in completing declarations, signing documents, and finalizing paperwork directly at the service area, further enhancing convenience at every customer touchpoint.



*“Through continuous investments in infrastructure and customer-focused amenities, Nam Dinh Vu Port reaffirms its commitment to a customer-centric approach, consistently enhancing service quality and fostering a more professional, efficient, and attentive service environment.”*

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### "ENERGY STATION 2026" PROGRAM

*From June 1 to July 31, 2026, Gemadept entities in Hai Phong jointly launched the "ENERGY STATION 2026" program, aiming to provide relief from the intense summer heat and share a moment of refreshment with valued customers, partners, and truck drivers.*



Under the theme "**REFRESHING EVERY JOURNEY – STRENGTHENING EVERY CONNECTION**", the program offers complimentary cold beverages and cooling towels at service points across Nam Dinh Vu Port, GAL Depot, GNL Depot, NPS Depot, and Nam Hai ICD. The stations are strategically located in convenient areas, allowing customers and drivers to easily access these amenities throughout their operational activities.



*Through meaningful and practical actions, Gemadept continues to enhance service value while fostering long-term, sustainable relationships with all stakeholders.*

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### FIRE PREVENTION, FIGHTING, AND RESCUE TRAINING 2026 AT BINH DUONG PORT



*On June 5, 2026, Binh Duong Port (BDP) collaborated to organize its 2026 Fire Prevention, Fighting, and Rescue (FPFR) Training Program. The session was dedicated to the on-site firefighting team, management executives, and employees currently working at the unit.*

In a environment filled with extensive vehicles, heavy equipment, and multi diverse cargo, FPFR work plays an exceptionally critical role in safeguarding human lives, protecting corporate assets, and maintaining uninterrupted business operations. This annual training program was deployed to significantly elevate awareness, responsibilities, and emergency response skills across the workforce.

During the training, participants were updated on the latest FPFR statutory regulations, studied common causes of fire hazards, and were guided on identifying workplace safety risks. The instructors also detailed standardized emergency handling procedures, evacuation protocols, and asset protection strategies. For the practical session, employees engaged in hands-on drills using fire extinguishers, managed controlled fire simulations, executed evacuation and salvage operations, and sharpened their core rescue skills.

*Through this comprehensive program, BDP personnel successfully consolidated their safety knowledge, heightened their sense of responsibility, and promoted a proactive mindset in preventing, detecting, and mitigating potential workplace hazards. This regular initiative further underscores BDP's unwavering commitment to fostering a safe, stable, and sustainable working environment.*



# LOGISTICS TRENDS

## PANAMA CANAL AND EL NIÑO: AN EARLY WARNING SIGNAL FOR GLOBAL LOGISTICS

On June 5, 2026, the Panama Canal Authority (ACP) announced a reduction in the maximum authorized draft for Neopanamax vessels from 50 feet to 49.5 feet, effective July 1, 2026. While the adjustment appears minor, it sends an important signal to the maritime industry: El Niño is returning and may once again place pressure on one of the world's most critical shipping routes.

The global logistics industry has not forgotten the Panama Canal disruption of 2023–2024. As El Niño significantly reduced rainfall across Central America, water levels in Gatun Lake—the freshwater reservoir that powers the canal's lock system—fell to historic lows. ACP was forced to cut daily vessel transits from approximately 36–38 ships to just 18 ships per day and impose strict draft restrictions.

The consequences quickly spread throughout global supply chains. Many vessels were rerouted via the Suez Canal or around the Cape of Good Hope, adding 10–14 days to transit times. Freight rates increased, shipping schedules were disrupted, and businesses faced mounting pressure on inventory management and production planning.

Entering 2026, conditions initially appeared to improve as Gatun Lake recovered thanks to La Niña and favorable rainfall. However, the U.S. National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) continues to maintain an El Niño Watch, with a high probability that El Niño will develop this year and persist through the 2026–2027 Northern Hemisphere winter.

What makes the current situation particularly concerning is that traffic through the Panama Canal has already returned close to full capacity. At a time when global energy shipments are increasing and other major shipping routes remain vulnerable to geopolitical risks, any reduction in Panama Canal capacity could trigger ripple effects across international trade and maritime transport.

For Vietnam, this development deserves close attention. The Panama Canal is a key gateway for cargo moving from Asia to the U.S. East Coast—one of the most important destinations for Vietnamese exports. Should restrictions tighten further, exporters may face longer transit times, higher logistics costs, and reduced schedule reliability.

In response, importers and exporters should proactively review transportation plans, secure vessel space earlier, diversify routing options, and maintain close coordination with shipping lines to minimize potential disruptions.

Looking further ahead, ACP has approved the US\$1.6 billion Río Indio Reservoir Project to strengthen the canal's long-term water supply. However, the project is not expected to be completed until the early 2030s, meaning the canal will remain vulnerable to climate-related disruptions for years to come.

The Panama Canal story highlights a broader reality: climate change is no longer merely an environmental issue—it has become a strategic factor in global logistics. For businesses, the question is no longer whether El Niño will affect supply chains, but how prepared they are when one of the world's most important maritime bottlenecks comes under pressure once again.





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