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FOREWORD

The 2019 Population and Housing Census was implemented at 0:00 a.m. on 1 April, 2019 in accordance with the Decision No. 772/QĐ-TTg of the Prime Minister dated 26 June 2018. This is the fifth Population and Housing Census in Viet Nam since the country's reunification in 1975. The 2019 Population and Housing Census collected basic information on population and housing throughout the territory of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam to serve the planning of socioeconomic development policies of the country and the monitoring of the Sustainable Development Goals to which the Government of Viet Nam is committed to realizing.

Following the main findings of the Population and Housing Census published by the General Statistics Office (GSO) on 19 December 2019, several important topics such as sex imbalance at birth, fertility, migration and urbanization, and ageing continue to be analysed in-depth to provide important information on the current situation and appropriate policy recommendations for the Party, National Assembly and Government agencies, policymakers and data users.

The monograph on **“Migration and urbanization in Viet Nam: Situation, trend and differences”** is built on the extraction of the sample census data of the 2019 Population and Housing Census as well as the previous censuses. The results of the analysis show that the trend of migration in the last five years has decreased compared to three decades ago. However, the analytical results also continue to confirm evidence collected from previous studies that there is a great contribution of migration into urban areas, especially large cities. Based on the analysis of migration trends, basic characteristics of migrants, their economic activities and their living conditions as well as the impact of migration on urbanization, the monograph also provides development policy suggestions that emphasize the need to pay more attention to migration and urbanization to ensure these activities will contribute best to growth and socioeconomic development in Viet Nam.

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The General Statistics Office is pleased to introduce an in-depth publication on migration and urbanization - a topic that is attracting the attention of researchers, managers, policy makers and the whole of society. We look forward to receiving your comments to continuously improve the quality of future publications.

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