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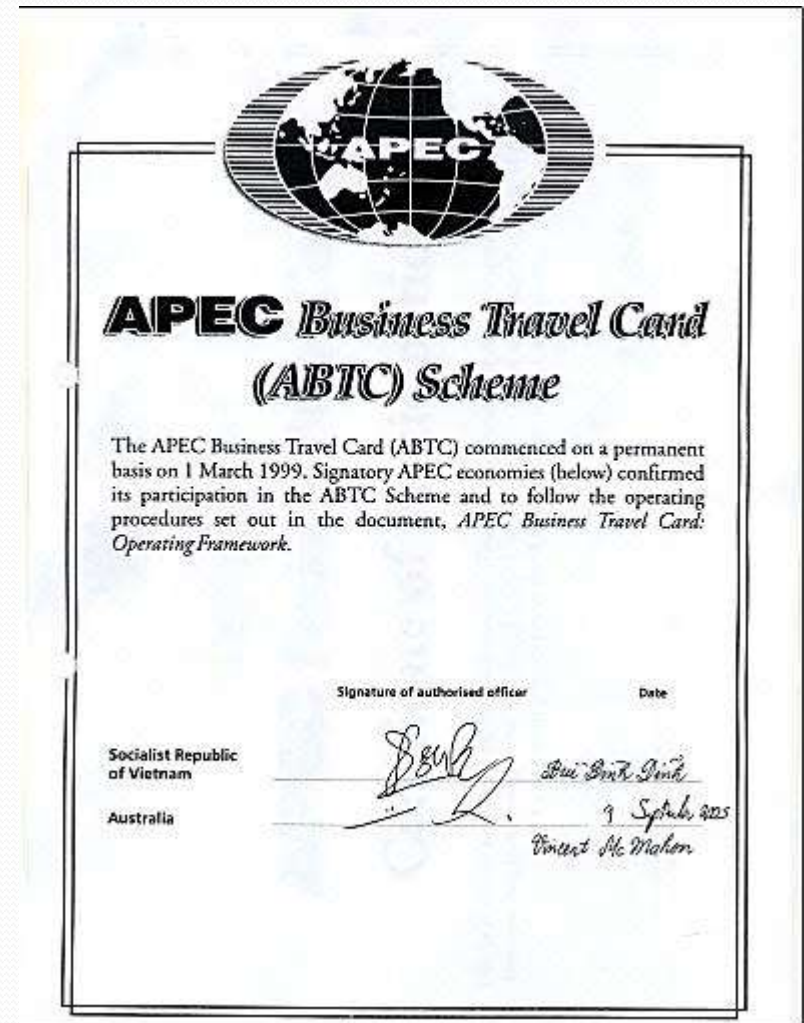
November 15th, 1998: member of
APEC

**Hosting APEC Economic
Leaders' Meetings:** twice (2006,
2017)

September 9th, 2005: officially
participating in ABTC Scheme

**Issuance and Management of
APEC business travel cards:**
Pursuant to Prime Minister's
Decisions

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Issuance and Management of APEC Business Travel Cards

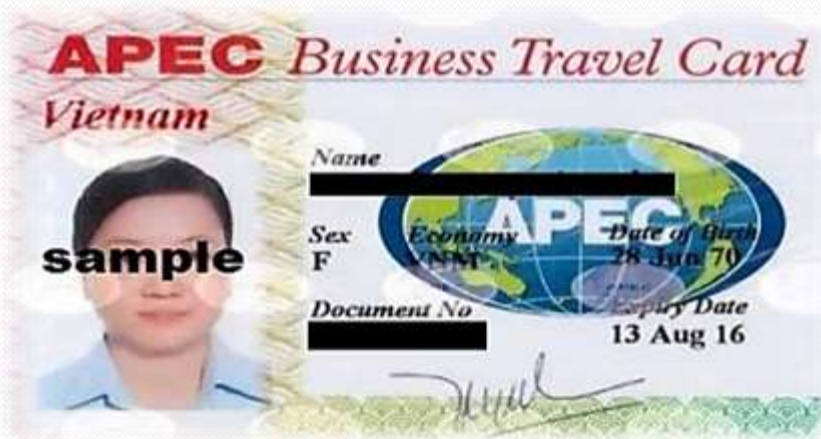
Issuance and Management of APEC Business Travel Cards in Vietnam: Pursuant to Prime Minister's Decisions (Decision No.45 in 2006 & Decision No.54 in 20215)





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Issuance and Management of APEC Business Travel Cards



ABTC Validity:

valid for 5 years since the date of issue and shall not be extended; in case of expiration, the new one shall be issued



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Issuance and Management of APEC Business Travel Cards

ABTC holders and Authority to permit use of ABTCs

SUBJECTS

1. Vietnamese business people working in state-owned enterprises
2. Vietnamese business people working in enterprises that are legally established under laws of Vietnam
3. Staff, officials and civil servants who take part in activities of APEC

AUTHORITIES

1. Ministers, heads of ministerial-level agencies
2. Presidents of People's committees of central-affiliated cities and provinces
3. Ministers, heads of ministerial-level agencies



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Issuance and Management of APEC Business Travel Cards

ABTCs shall be announced no longer valid for entry into Vietnam by Immigration Department:

- Such business people have forged their dossiers for being issued ABTC.
- Such business people have violated Vietnamese law and are being handled.
- Such business people's working terms in Vietnam have expired and they no longer need to regularly travel to Vietnam.

Vietnamese agencies or enterprises shall notify such cases to Immigration Department



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Numbers of Vietnamese ABTCs issued during period 2016 - 2020

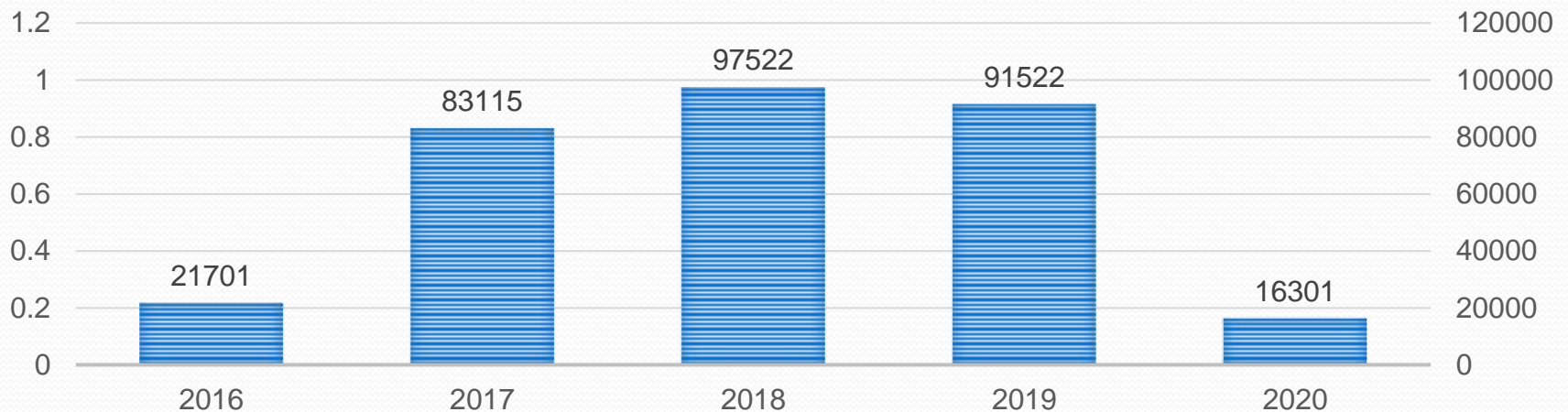




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NUMBERS OF FOREIGN BUSINESS PEOPLE'S APPLICATIONS APPROVED DURING PERIOD 2016 - 2020





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Statistics and relevant information in Covid-19 context

Almost all foreign business people's applications approved by Vietnamese economy

For Vietnamese business people's applications: **reasons for not issuing ABTCs** include those people not working at companies, their positions not related to business activities





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Statistics and relevant information in Covid-19 context

In order to implement preventative measures to Covid-19, currently Vietnam only allows entry of foreigners who are:

- Investors
- Experts
- High-skilled workers
- Business managers

And their spouses and children

- Foreign students at universities





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Conclusion

- Increase Integrity in the APEC Business Travel Card Scheme
- Vietnam considering the possibility of transition to Virtual ABTCs





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THANK YOU!