



**Statement from the Asia Internet Coalition (AIC)
on the Vietnam Law on Cybersecurity draft decree (5 Nov 2018)**

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The Asia Internet Coalition (AIC) is deeply concerned by the draft implementation decree of Vietnam's cybersecurity law, as it raises serious privacy and civil liberty concerns for the people of Vietnam and stands to significantly damage the country's economic growth prospects.

The overly-broad 'blanket approach' to data localisation requirements will have serious consequences for economic growth, investor confidence and opportunities for local businesses. Data is the backbone of the digital economy and drives Industry 4.0 ambitions; unfortunately, this draft is at odds with PM Phuc's recent comments at the WEF promoting innovation and connectivity.

AIC will continue to pursue constructive dialogue with the Vietnam government to address industry concerns and discuss an alternative way forward. This is a critical moment for Vietnam and we hope the government will take a long-term and holistic view, in the interests of its citizens and economic future.

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About the Asia Internet Coalition

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