Vietnam Television

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Vietnam Television, or **VTV** (Vietnamese: *Đài Truyền hình Việt Nam*), is the national television broadcaster of Vietnam.

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Type	Broadcast television
Country	Vietnam
Availability	Nationwide International
Headquarters	Hanoi, Vietnam
Owner	Government of Vietnam
Key people	Trần Bình Minh (General director) Phạm Việt Tiến (Deputy managing director)
Launch date	7 September 1970; 48 years ago
Former names	**Independent Television System** (7 September 1970 – 4 July 1976) **Central Television** (5 July 1976 – 30 April 1987)
Official website	vtv.vn

History [edit]

The first television broadcast in Vietnam was in 1966 when the United States set up 2-channels (1-Vietnamese and 1-English) in Saigon for the Republic of Vietnam. Named Đài Truyền hình Việt Nam (Vietnam Television), the network operated until the fall of Saigon.

VTV was established with technical assistance and training from Cuba on 6 September 1970, in Hanoi, as a department of Voice of Vietnam. During the Vietnam War it broadcast intermittently from a mountainous region.

After reunification in 1975, the former US-run stations in the south became part of the national network, and broadcasting was extended to the entire country.

Color television was experimented in 1978 and adopted the French SECAM standard and fully implemented in 1986.[1] Vietnam Television became an official name on 30 April 1987. And by 1990, VTV viewers had two national TV channels to choose from as VTV2 was launched and that year switched to PAL.[2][3]

VTV's regional broadcasting centres are located in Ho Chi Minh City, Huế, Da Nang, Phu Yen, Nha Trang, and Cần Thơ. Programming is relayed nationwide via a network of provincial and municipal television stations. There are transmitters in most outlying areas of the country. By 2003, more than 80% of all urban households owned a television set. The percentage was considerably less in rural areas, but even the most remote village cafe has a TV and video or DVD player.[*citation needed*]

In addition, each major city and most of the 51 provinces have their own television stations.[*citation needed*]

Channels [edit]

VTV today has the following channels:[4][5][6][7]

- **VTV1**: News and current affairs; 24 hours a day.[8] The channel also broadcasts live important national events and parliament meetings. Music and movies are the only fields that largely fall outside its format. VTV1 initially broadcast on 7 September 1970. An HD version of VTV1 was launched on 27 March 2014. It is considered as one of seven essential national channels, and it must be carried by all satellite and cable providers in Vietnam.
- **VTV2**: Science, lifestyle and technology; broadcast 24 hours a day. The channel also broadcasts Japanese and American cartoons (e.g: Pokémon, Yo-kai Watch, Disney Television Animation and Cartoon Network animated series), China and South Korea TV series. VTV2 started transmission on 1 January 1990. An HD version of VTV2 was launched on 19 May 2015.
- **VTV3**: Mostly entertainment channel, broadcast 24 hours a day. VTV3 launched on 31 March 1996. An HD version of VTV3 was launched on 31 March 2013. This channel is a first channel in VTV to broadcast in High Definition.
- **VTV4**: An international channel launched in 1998, offering a best-of package of programming from VTV's domestic channels to Vietnamese worldwide, now available at Taiwan CHT MOD Channel 215 and Malaysia at ABNXcess Channel 311. An HD version of VTV4 was launched on 19 June 2015.
- **VTV5**: Serve the ethnic minority communities in Vietnam, broadcast 24 hours a day. VTV5 launched on 10 February 2002. An HD version of VTV5 was launched on 1 July 2015.
- **VTV6**: Youth-oriented channel that targets an audience between 18-34 years old and sports shows and events, broadcast 24 hours a day. VTV6 started from 8 locations in Vietnam on 29 April 2007. An HD version of VTV6 lanuched on October 2013
- **VTV7**: Education channel, broadcast from 6:00 to 0:00. VTV7 and VTV7 HD both soft-launched from 20 November 2015 and began broadcasting officially from 1 January 2016.
- **VTV8**: a channel for Central and Highland region of Vietnam, broadcast 5 AM to midnight. VTV8 and VTV8 HD launched on 1 January 2016.
- **VTV9**: Southern-oriented channel, launched on 8 October 2007; HD simulcast launched on 28 August 2015.

Defunct regional channels (5) [edit]

- **VTV Huế**
- **VTV Đà Nẵng**
- **VTV Phú Yên**
- **VTV Cần Thơ 1**
- **VTV Cần Thơ 2**

Since 2003, all the above channels are also available via satellite, digital terrestrial and digital cable networks across Vietnam. The VTV itself offers 15 pay TV channels through satellite television and digital cable which are called **K+** and **VTVCab**, respectively, with channels such as Reuters, ESPN, Disney Channel, Discovery Channel, BBC, HBO plus about 40 original channels.

Changes to VTV regional channels were made on January 1, 2016. VTV Huế, VTV Đà Nẵng, and VTV Phú Yên ceased programming and became **VTV8**, a specific channel for Central and Highland Regions of Vietnam. Both the *old* **VTV9** (which was only for Ho Chi Minh City and Southeast Vietnam regions) and VTV Cần Thơ 1 (which was only for Cần Thơ City and Hậu Giang Province) merged to form the *new* **VTV9** for both southeast and southwest of Vietnam, while VTV Cần Thơ 2 was renamed **VTV5 Tây Nam Bộ**, a bilingual Khmer-Vietnamese channel and the first regional variation of VTV5.

On October 17 2016, **VTV5 Tây Nguyên**, a channel for ethnic minorities in Central Highlands of Vietnam and another regional variation of VTV5, was also launched.

Future channels [edit]

- **VTV24**: Not to be confused with VTV's news department. It will be Vietnam's first 24/7 newschannel, starts broadcasting somewhere around 4/2017.
- **VTV4k**: a new entertainment channel, together with current VTV3. VTV4k will be in ultra high definition (4K resolution) and will be on air from the first quarter of 2017.[9]
- **VTV7 Kids**, **VTV7 English** and **VTV7 News** will be on air in 2020.[9]
- **VTV World** will be the successor channel to the now-airing VTV4 as the new official Foreign Affairs channel of the government of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam.[10]
- After the launching of VTV5 Tây Nguyên on 17 October 2016, **VTV5 Tây Bắc**, along with **VTV5 Miền Trung** and **VTV5 Đông Nam Bộ** will also be launched as other regional variations of VTV5.

List of VTV channels on VTVcab [edit]

EPG no.	EPG name	Channel name	Channel type	Availability	Notes
1	VTV1	VTV1	Free TV	Free-to-air	News and current affairs channel. Channel numbers 1 and 300 (non-HD).
2	VTV2	VTV2	Free TV	Free-to-air	Education and science channel. Channel numbers 2 and 303 (non-HD).
3	VTV3	VTV3	Free TV	Free-to-air	Entertainment channel. Channel numbers 3 and 301 (non-HD).
4	VTV4	VTV4	Free TV	Free-to-air	International channel. Channel numbers 4 and 304 (non-HD).
5	VTV5	VTV5	Free TV	Free-to-air	Channel for several ethnic groups in Vietnam. Channel numbers 5 and 308 (Khmer-only, non-HD).
6	VTV6	VTV6	Free TV	Free-to-air	Sport and youth channel

There are also other VTV channels on VTVCab, which are not shown here.

Programming [edit]

VTV has its own film production company, the Vietnam Television Film Centre (formerly Vietnam Television Film Company), or VFC, which makes made-for-television movies and miniseries. However, only about 30% of the entertainment programming shown on VTV is made locally. The rest is imported and dubbed in Vietnamese. Shows include Korean and Chinese serial melodramas, which are the mainstay of nightly programming on VTV3.

Aside from news and current affairs programming, VTV1 devotes itself to orchestral concerts, ballets, traditional theatre, ethnic minority culture shows and films.

Also, on Vietnamese New Year's Eve, VTV broadcasts some programmes and comedy show like Year's Last Afternoon, News Special, Gặp nhau cuối năm, music concerts, and firework shows, until 2 or 1 am.

VTV Worldwide Bureaux [edit]

As of 2018, VTV has 14 bureaux with stationed staff and correspondents at:

- Vientiane, Laos
- Phnom Penh, Cambodia
- Singapore (ASEAN region)
- Beijing, China
- Tokyo, Japan
- Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
- Manila, Philippines
- Moscow, Russia
- Brussels, Belgium (Europe region)
- London, United Kingdom (UK & Ireland area)
- Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates (Middle East region)
- Washington, D.C., United States
- New York City, United States
- Los Angeles, United States

Criticism and controversies [edit]

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VTV4 has been criticised by Vietnamese emigrees who find the channel's one-sided support of the one-party Communist state distressing and offensive.[11][12]

According to Thanh Niên News, on 28 February 2016, VTV admitted that it had used copyrighted content without permission in some of its programs, confirming that the violation has caused its YouTube channel to be blocked. On this day, VTV, was notified by YouTube that the video sharing website had received multiple third-party claims of copyright infringement regarding videos on its official YouTube page. The page was blocked the following morning. VTV then told local press that some of its editors used some footage they found online in their news and current affairs programs without asking permission of the copyright holders. The programs were then uploaded on the YouTube page. The case was exposed after Bui Minh Tuan, 35, reported to Google that VTV had repeatedly used his flycam videos, posted on his YouTube page named Yamaha Trung Ta, without seeking his permission. Tuan, who runs a motorcycle trading company in the central province of Quang Tri, told news website ICTNews he had spent a lot of time and money to produce the aerial videos capturing beautiful scenes across the country. He claimed that over the previous year he had sent many complaints to VTV, the Department of Copyright and the Ministry of Information and Communications to report around 20 copyright violations by VTV, but no response was received. Tuan decided to report the case to Google, the owner of YouTube. Since September he has reportedly filed three complaints. He told ICTNews he is not trying to seek damages and that he wants VTV to respect copyright laws. Tuan said VTV needs to make a public apology to him in a news program and hold a press conference on the matter.[13]

See also [edit]

- Cinema of Vietnam
- Culture of Vietnam
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