

*Vietnam's telecom revenue is estimated at 213.36 trillion VND (9.36 billion USD) in the first six months of the year, excluding Viettel's business overseas, equal to 47.41 percent of the plan for the year.*



Total revenue of the IT industry in the first half of the year was estimated at 31.34 billion USD, a year-on-year increase of about 15 percent, of which hardware accounts for over 91 percent.

By the end of June, the number of 2G subscriptions was 68.8 million and the number of 3G subscriptions was 54.2 million, according to the Ministry of Information and Communications.

The number of wired broadband Internet subscribers continues to increase, with more than 10.11 million subscribers.

Export turnover of electronics, computers and components within the first six months reached 7.59 billion USD, up 12.36 percent over the same period last year.

The Vietnam Posts and Telecommunications Group (VNPT) reported a profit of 2.39 trillion VND in the first half of the year, reaching 54.5 percent of the group's annual plan. The figure represents an increase of 15 percent over the same period last year.

The group's revenue reached 68 trillion VND, equaling 47.3 percent of the annual target and equal to 106 percent compared to the same period last year.

With regards to spam, VNPT blocked more than 221,000 spam messages in June, an average of 7,300 messages per day.

The total number of blocked subscribers was 2,200, equivalent to 74 subscribers per day. The rate of blocked spam messages reached 90 percent, online newspaper baotintuc.vn quoted a representative of VNPT as saying.

The total revenue of the Viettel Group was 117.7 trillion VND in the first six months, achieving 48.7 percent of the year's plan, and profit before tax for the group was 21.47 trillion VND, paying 19.9 trillion VND to the State budget.

Viettel's global subscriber number is approximately 100 million worldwide, of which 61 million are domestic and more than 30 million are overseas.

In order to develop network infrastructure, Viettel now has a modern, synchronous and complete network infrastructure with 350,000 km of fiber optic cable, five national backbones and six international backbone lines. The number of 2G stations is 25,000, 3G is 35,000 and 4G is 36,000.

The country also successfully launched 4G services, with Viettel the first operator to provide

high-speed mobile internet to customers.

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