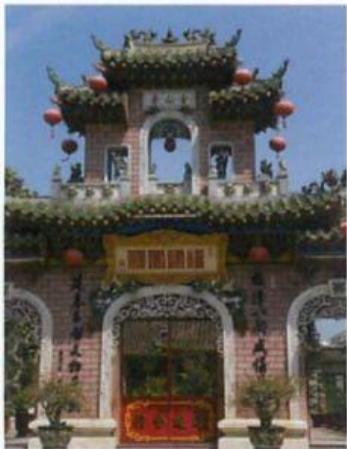


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Complete this short business brief about Vietnam using the past simple or the present perfect forms of the verbs in brackets.



Vietnam¹ (go) through many changes in its history and² (experience) many economic changes recently. It is currently experiencing an economic boom. In 1986, the government³ (introduce) economic reforms or *doi moi* (*doi* meaning change and *moi* new). The reforms⁴ (permit) the setting up of free market enterprises and⁵ (abolish) the practice of collective farming. However, agriculture remains the most important part of the economy. Vietnam⁶ (recently/become) the second largest producer of rice in the world after Thailand. The industrial sector⁷ (show) dramatic improvement and expansion as well. In 1993, the World Bank⁸ (declare) 58% of the population to be living in poverty. By 2005, this figure was less than 20%. Vietnam⁹ (also/make) great strides on the international stage in the last decade or so. It¹⁰ (become) a full member of ASEAN in 1995, and of the WTO in 2006. The effects of this new-found prosperity can be seen everywhere. Large, glitzy malls¹¹ (appear) in major cities, while streets once filled with bicycles are now overflowing with locally produced Japanese, Korean and Chinese motorbikes and cars. Business visitors wishing to relax in a more traditional Vietnamese town should visit Hoi An. Hoi An¹² (be) a major Asian trading port in the 17th and 18th centuries, and its picturesque architecture and relaxed lifestyle¹³ (change) little over the years.