



Vietnamese in Czechia

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Key points

Why are Vietnamese in Czechia?

Who and where are they?

How and what to study about them?



Countries with the most numerous Vietnamese Diasporas

- 1) USA (approx 2,2 mil)
- 2) Cambodia (approx 600 ths.)
- 3) Japan (approx 370 ths.)
- 4) France (approx 350 ths.)
- 5) Australia (approx 300 ths.)
- 6) Canada (approx 240 ths.)
- 7) Taiwan (approx 200 ths.)
- 8) Germany (approx 170 ths.)
- 9) South Korea (approx 170 ths.)
- 10) Malaysia / Czechia (approx 70 ths.)
- 11) UK (approx 60 ths.)
- 12) Poland (approx 50 ths.)
- 1) Cambodia (approx 3,69 %)
- 2) Australia (approx 1,2 %)
- 3) Taiwan (approx 0,84 %)
- 4) USA (approx 0,67 %)
- 5) Canada / Česko (approx 0,65 %)
- 6) France (approx 0,52 %)
- 7) North Korea (approx 0,33 %)
- 8) Japan (approx 0,29 %)
- 9) Malaysia (approx 0,22 %)
- 10) Germany (approx 0,2 %)
- 11) Poland (approx 0,13 %)
- 12) UK (approx 0,09 %)

Vietnamese migration to the world

- Overseas diasporas have developed complex social networks linking Vietnam and destinations
 - facilitating the flow of information
 - reduction of migration costs (economic, social, emotional)
 - creating incentives for migration

The most common reasons:

- Economic migration
- Family migration (reunification, marriage migration, international adoption)
- study

There are about 500,000 VN guestworkers in the world

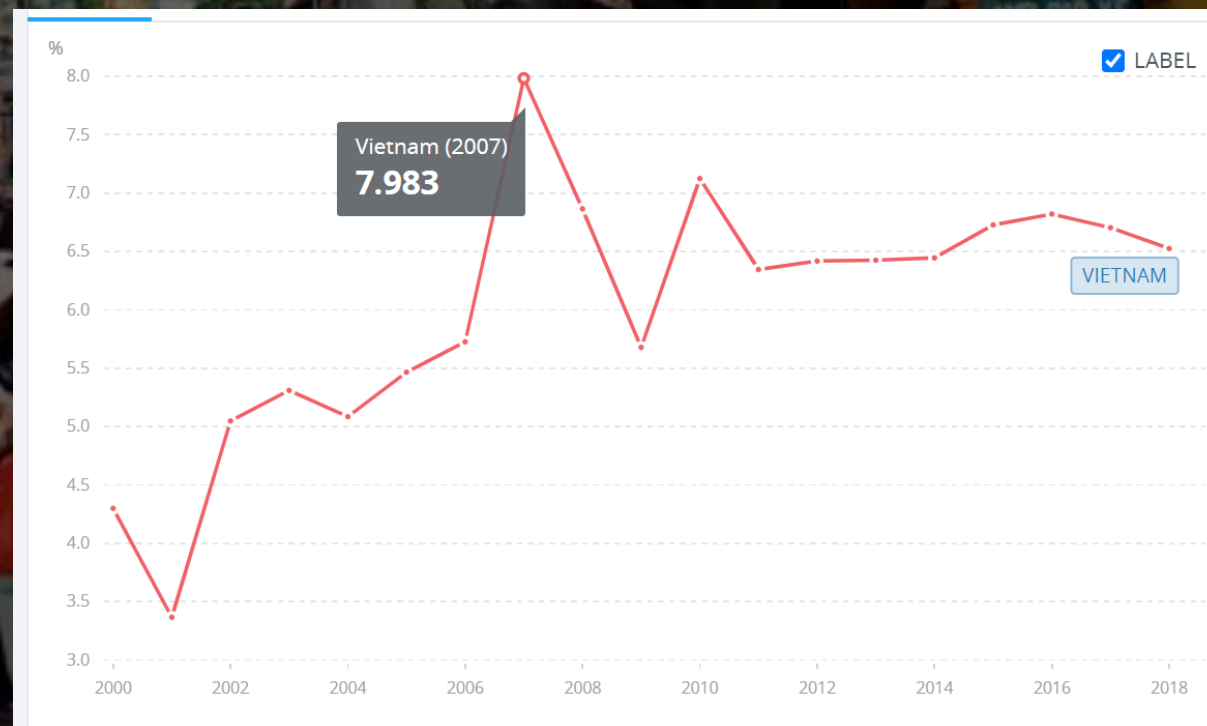
Top 10 destinations of Vietnamese labour migration (2012-2016)

Table 3. Top 15 receiving destinations for Vietnamese workers, 2012–2016

	Destination	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	Total
1	Taiwan Province of the People's Republic of China	30,533	46,368	62,124	67,621	68,244	274,890
2	Japan	8,775	9,686	19,766	29,810	39,938	107,975
3	Republic of Korea	9,228	5,446	7,242	6,019	8,482	36,417
4	Malaysia	9,298	7,564	5,139	7,454	2,079	31,534
5	Saudi Arabia	2,360	1,703	4,191	4,125	4,033	16,412
6	Lao People's Democratic Republic	6,195	4,860	200	-	1	11,256
7	Cambodia	5,215	4,250	50	-	-	9,515
8	Macao Special Administrative Region of China (SAR)	2,304	2,294	2,516	493	266	7,873
9	United Arab Emirates	1,731	2,075	831	286	616	5,539
10	Algeria	38	158	547	1,963	1,179	3,885

Remittances

- Labour “export” policy
- From 1 to 2 mil new workers in the labour market per year
- Remittances = 6.5% of GDP on average
- 2019 > 17 mld. USD



VIETNAMESE DISAPORA IN CZECHIA



Why and when did Vietnamese come to Czechoslovakia?



Geopolitical reality
of the Cold War era

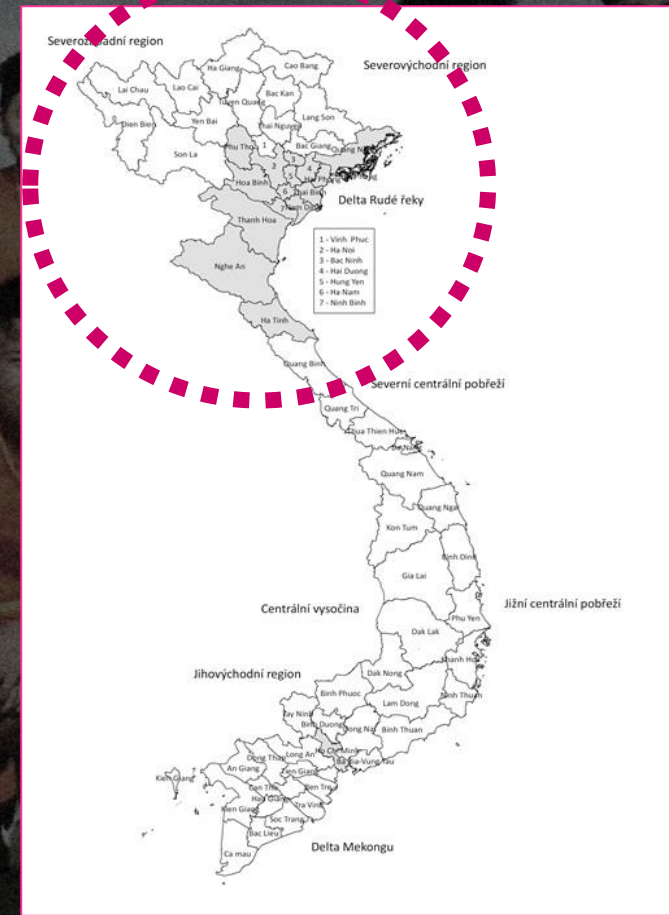
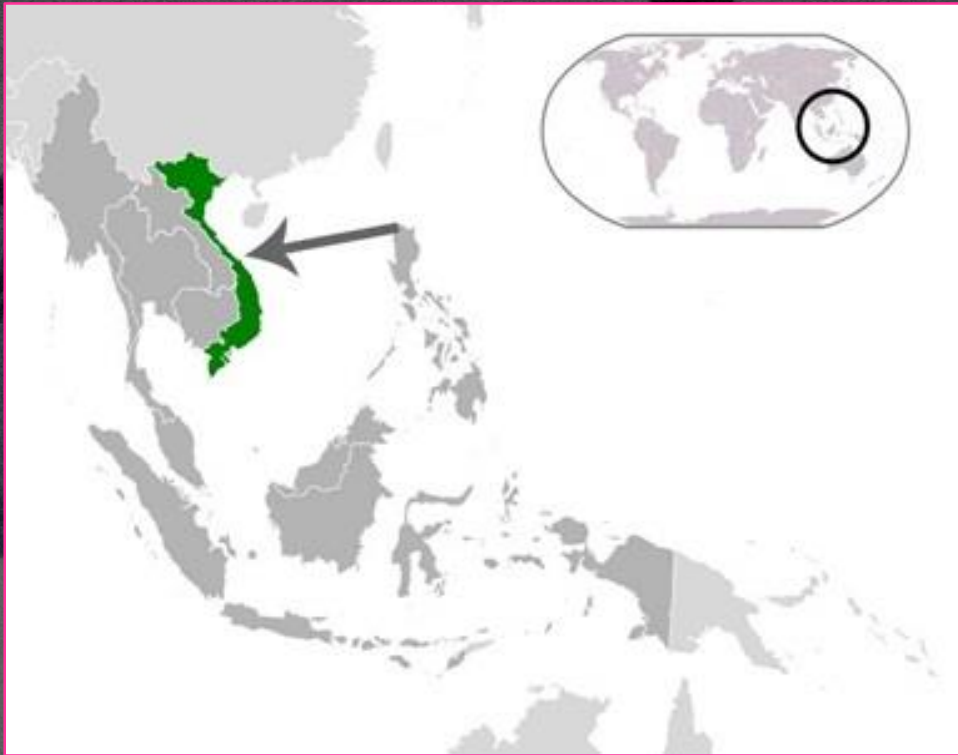
Economic situation of
the post WWII Vietnam

Demographic situation
of both countries

Labour market situation
of both countries

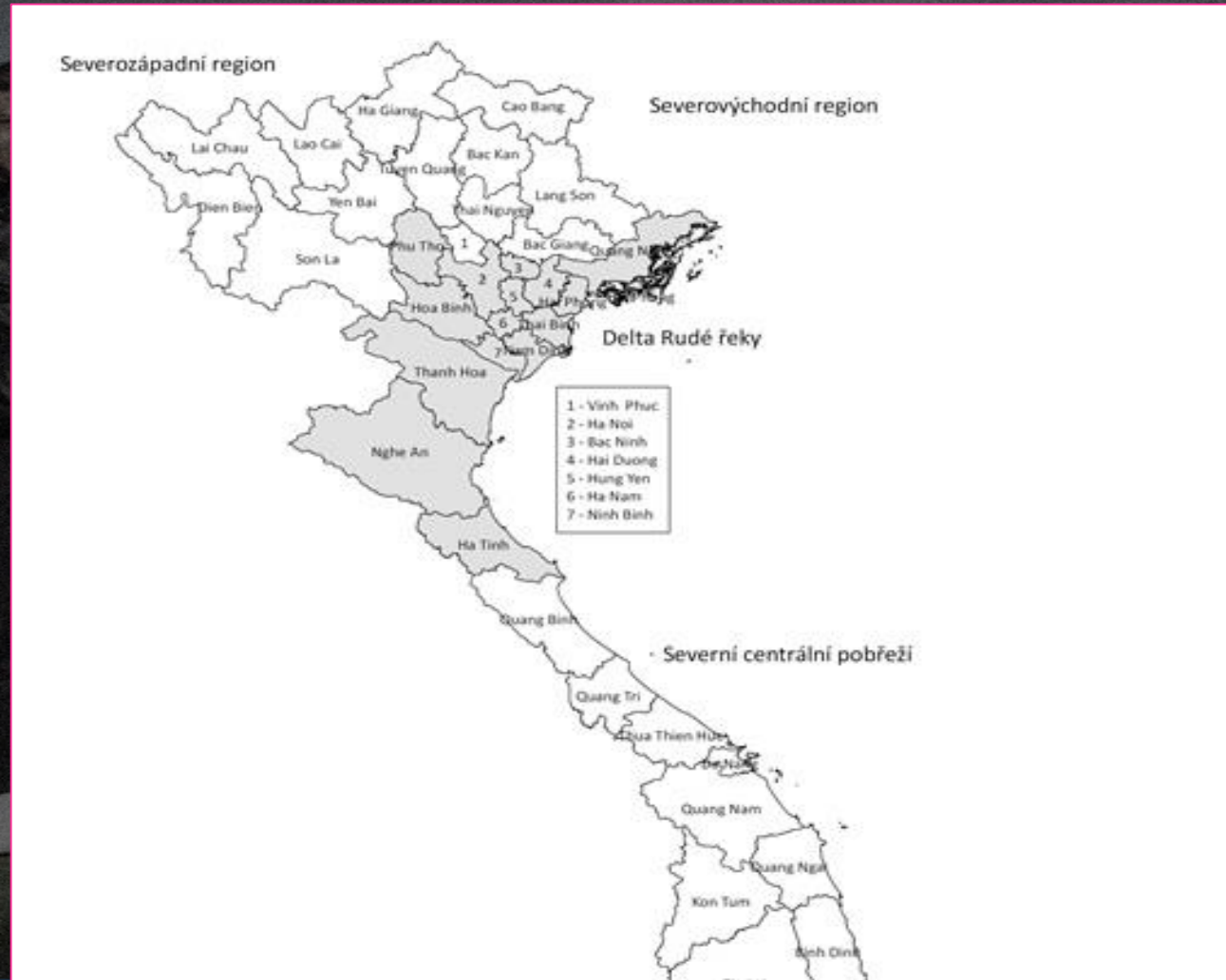
... post-socialist spontaneous migration
> in particularly economic migration and
family reunification

Where do Vietnamese migrants in Czechia come from?



Where do Vietnamese migrants in Czechia come from?

- Ha Noi
- Phu Tho
- Thai Binh
- Ha Tinh
- Nghe An
- Thai Binh
- Ninh Binh



Vietnamese in CSSR

- Socialist mobilities – state-sponsored migration

- 1950s - children
- 1967-1973 > trainees and apprentices (approx. 2,100 persons) > main goal = acquiring of cadres and “socialist workers”
 - Education in field specified by DRV
- 1973-1979 > apprentices and apprentice-workers, or students
- goal > raising their qualification



50s-60s



70s-80s



Vietnamese in CSSR



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70s-80s



- 1980 -1989> almost exclusively migrant workers (called tranee-workers)
- Between 1984 and 1986 programmes were stopped
- During the 1980s – development of black market and informal economy activities

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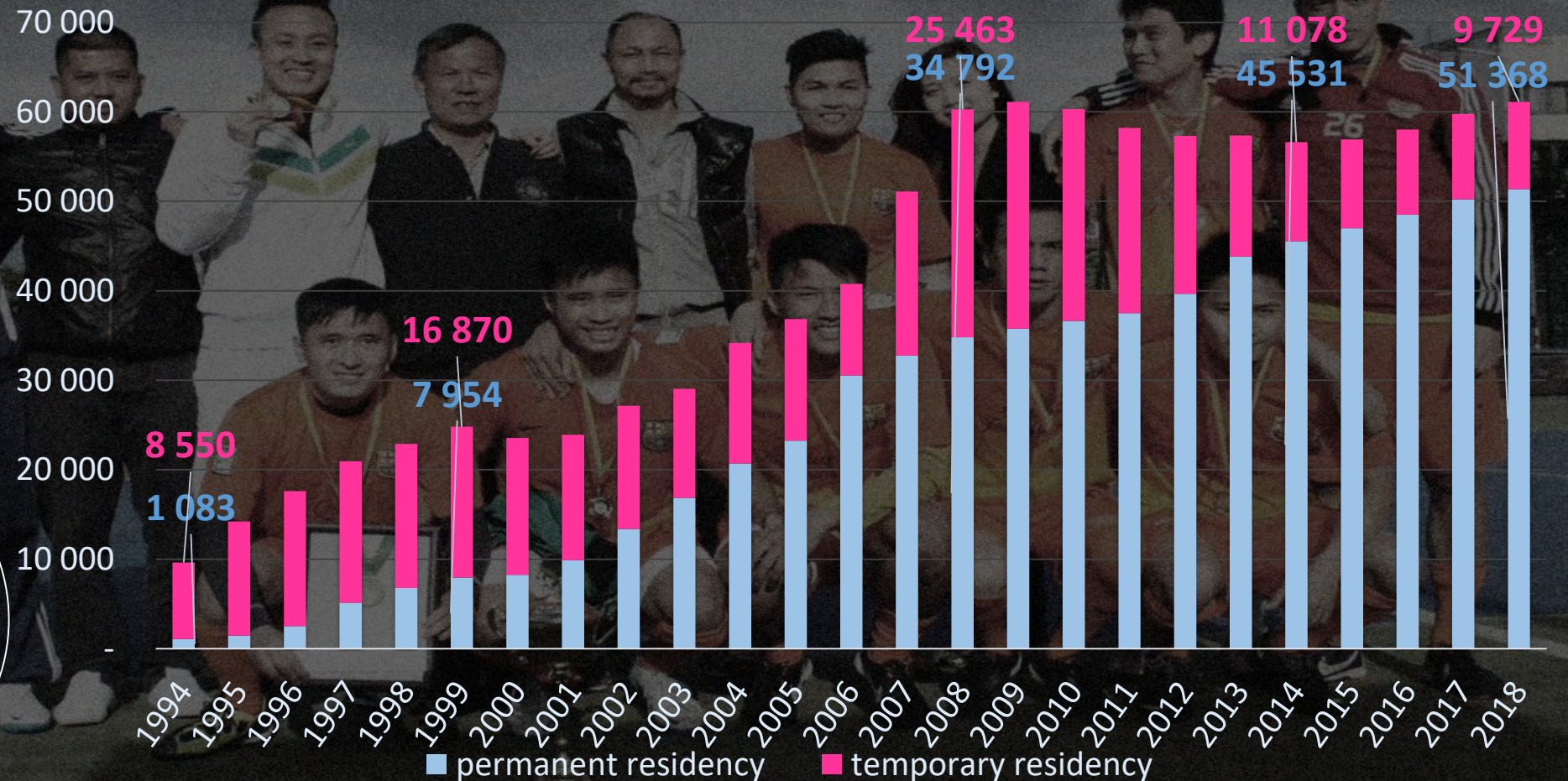
- Temporary migration
- Only one person from a family – prevention to family life and settlement
- Emancipation of workers (mainly women) throughout the 1980s (strikes, protest, “illegal” pregnancy and childbirth)
- Employees
- Close contact with Czechs and Slovaks
- Good knowledge of CSSR geography
- Free time credit

THE DEVELOPMENT OF VN CITIZENS IN CZ

1994 - 2018

61.097
registered VN
citizens in
2018

0,61% of the
total CZ
population

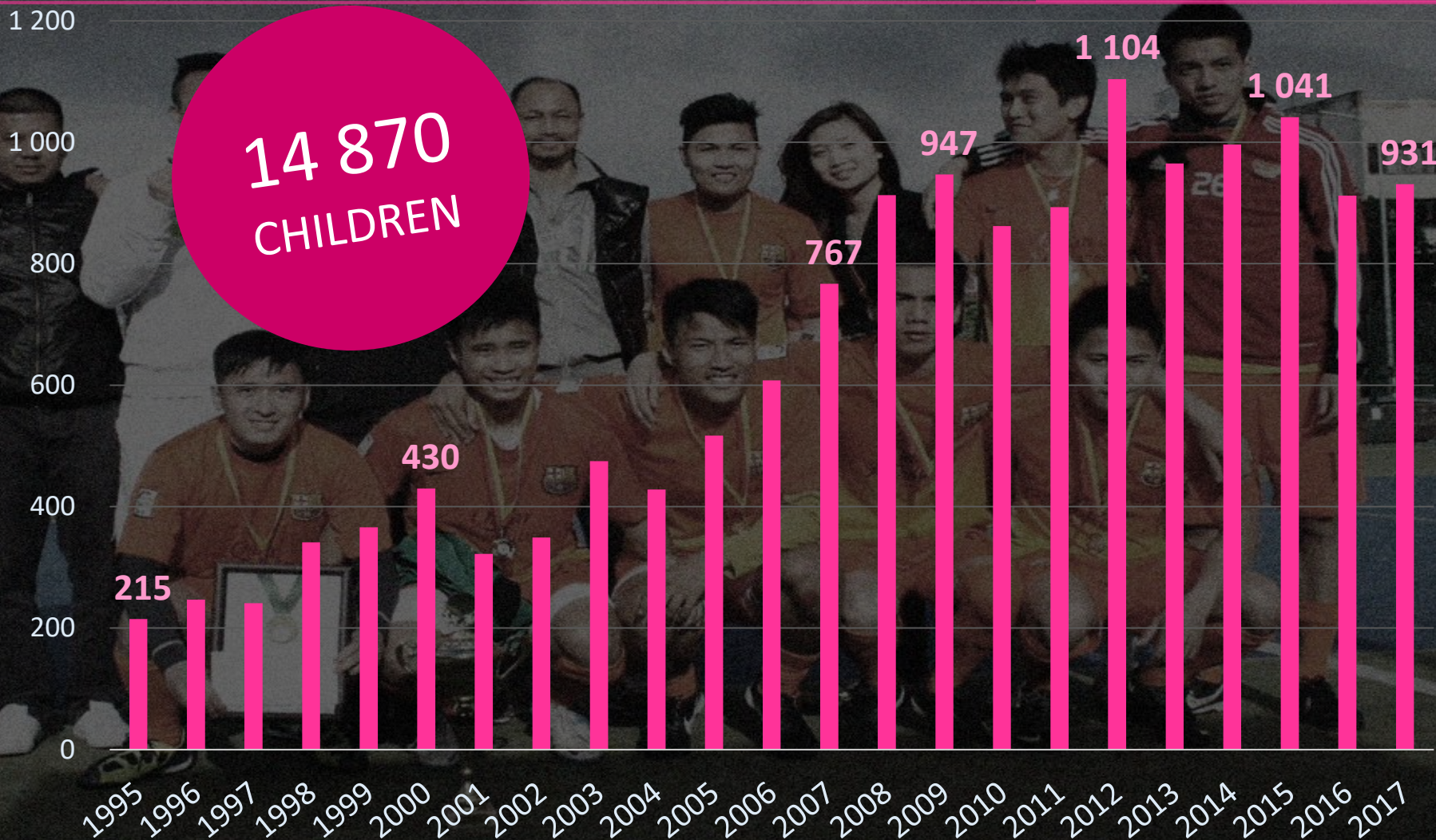


VIETNAMESE CITIZENS BORN IN CZECHIA

1995 - 2017

14 870
CHILDREN

12-14% are
not migrants



Vietnamese in Czechia

- From employment to self-employment
 - > business as a strategy to keep legal residence permit
- Beginnings of internal diversification
 - > Petty traders > towards majority
 - > Others > inwards the community > dich vu and wholesale
 - > In the end of the 1990s > first elites (euro millionaires)
 - >>> creation of highly competitive intragroup relationships



1990s

Vietnamese in Czechia

End of the 1990s and early 2000s:

- With increasing economic stability > emergence of family migration
- Transformation of business strategies >
 - Investments > from stalls to regular shops
- Maximizing of economic profit > no free time > Vietnamese perceived as a closed community



1990s



- Development of widespread criminal activities of violation of the law
 - Counterfeiting and sale of consumer goods
 - Counterfeiting and sale of alcohol and tobacco products
 - Tax cuts
 - Money laundering
 - Smuggling (people, goods)
 - Organized crime and modern slavery
 - Bribes
- occurrence of social pathological phenomena (gambling, drug abuse)
- Or from the majority perspective of unacceptable behaviour (dogs meat consumption)

Vietnamese in Czechia



1990s



Vietnamese in Czechia



2000 -
2010



- Decline of stall sales // investment into markets
- Transition from stalls to regular shops
- Transition from consumption goods to grocery stores
- **New recruitment campaigns in Vietnam > new labour migration to factories**
- First gastro business > as "Chinese fast foods"



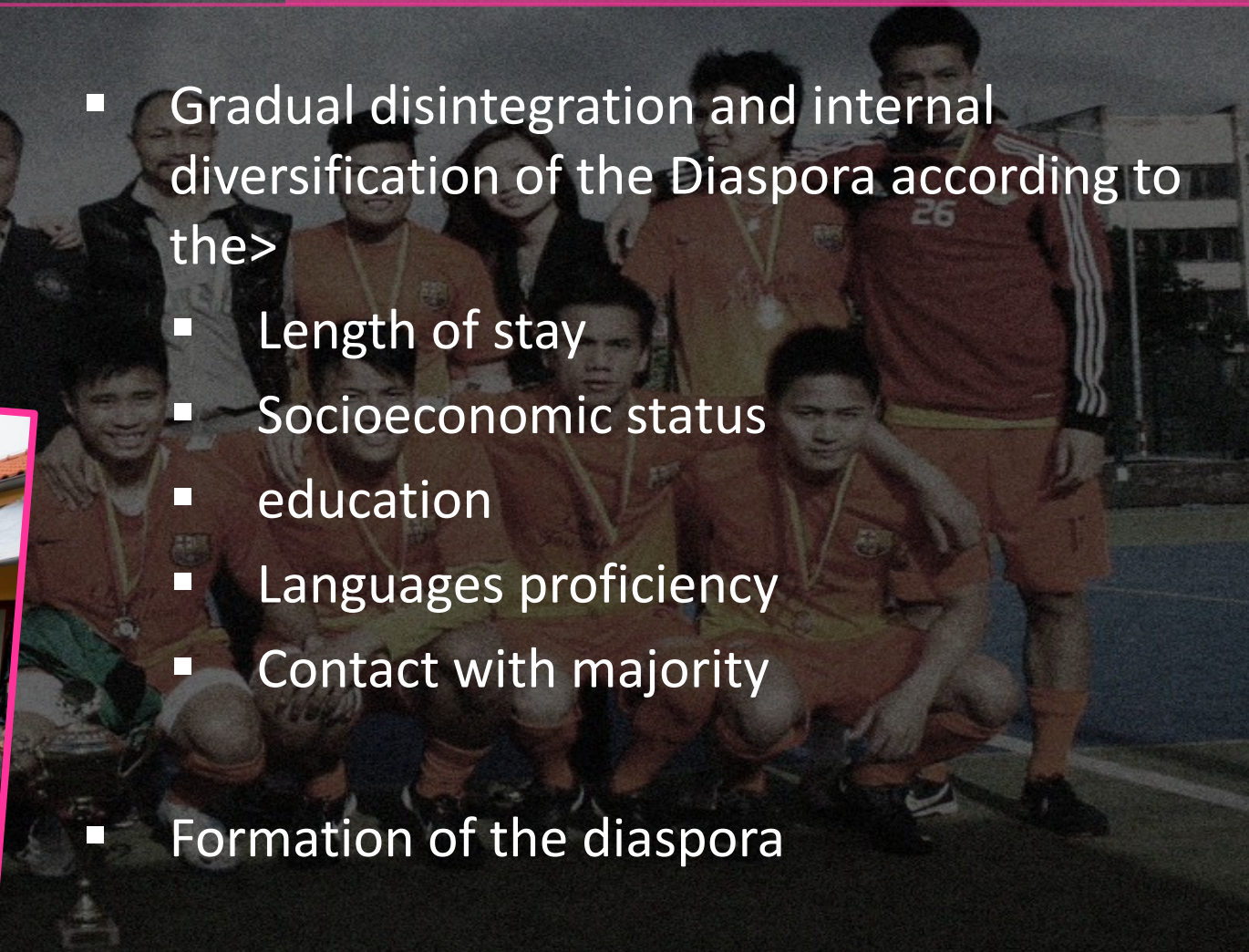
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2000 -
2010



- Gradual disintegration and internal diversification of the Diaspora according to the>
 - Length of stay
 - Socioeconomic status
 - education
 - Languages proficiency
 - Contact with majority
- Formation of the diaspora



Vietnamese in Czechia

- 2008 = economic recession
- Migrant workers lost their jobs becoming homeless, irregular or just somewhere disappeared
- In 2009 = launching of the programme of voluntary returns > Vietnamese were not interested
- Public moods towards Vietnamese = worsened
- Second generation faced open racism and discrimination (labour market, real estate market)
- Change >>> 2015

2008 -
2015



2010+



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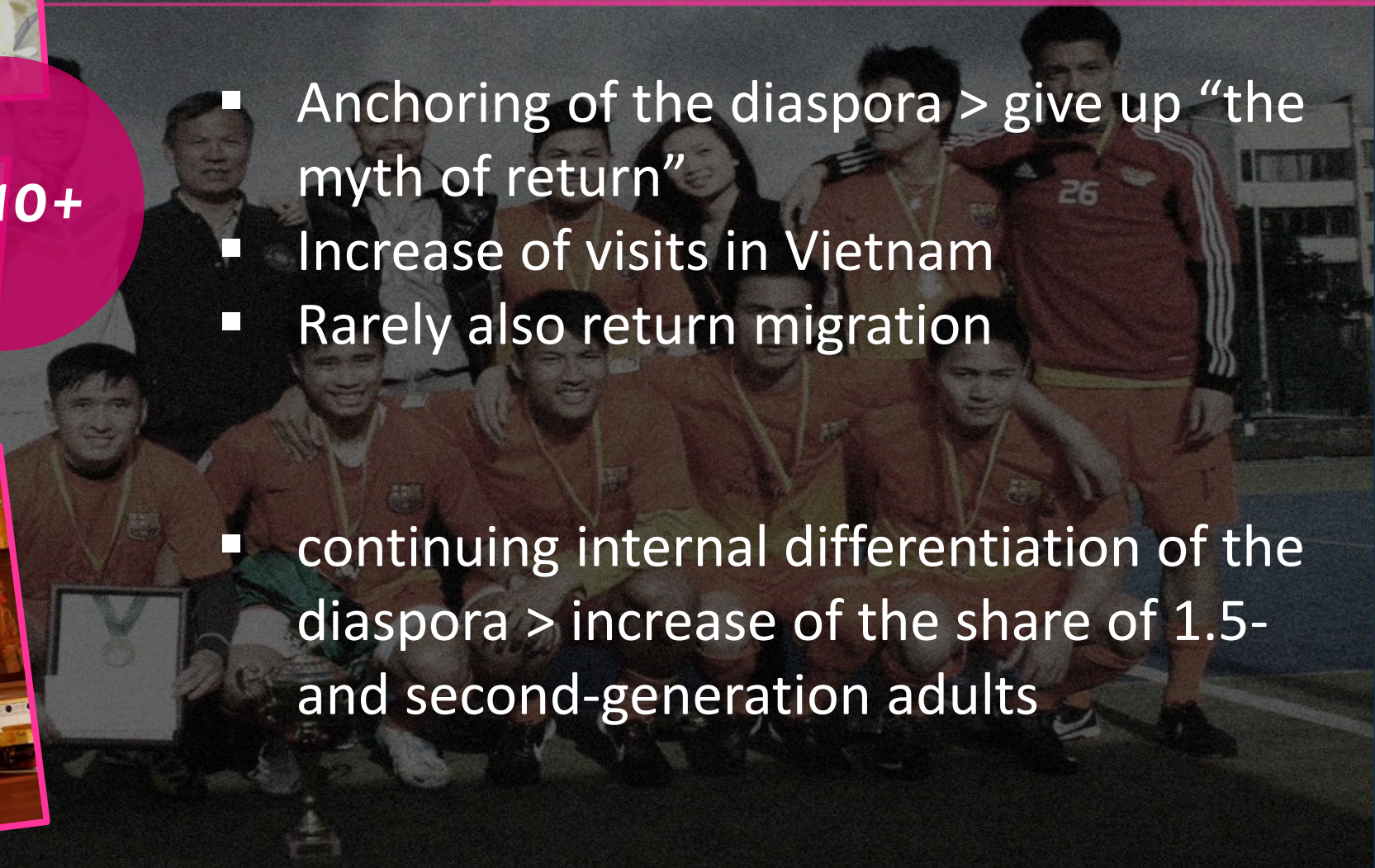
- Transition to services
- Since 2015 > slow turn in perception of the Vietnamese
 - From counterfeit goods from Vietnamese to authentic experience at the Vietnamese
- Increase of transnational business



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2010+



- Anchoring of the diaspora > give up “the myth of return”
- Increase of visits in Vietnam
- Rarely also return migration
- continuing internal differentiation of the diaspora > increase of the share of 1.5- and second-generation adults



Vietnamese in Czechia

2013

The Vietnamese were granted a permanent place in the Committee for National Minorities of the Council of the Government of the Czech Republic



Vietnamese in Czechia

2014+

2 661 naturalized citizens of the Czech Republic of Vietnamese origin (1994-2018)



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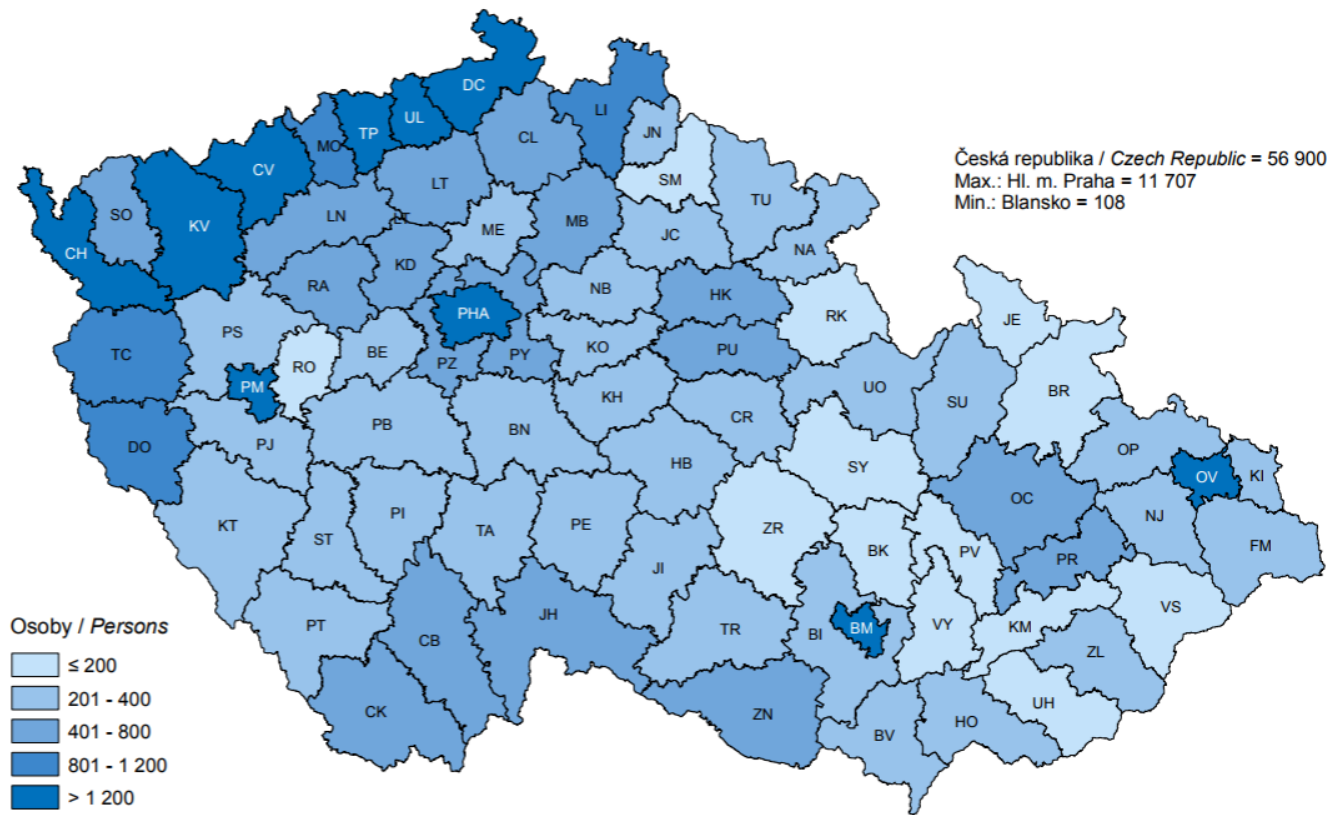
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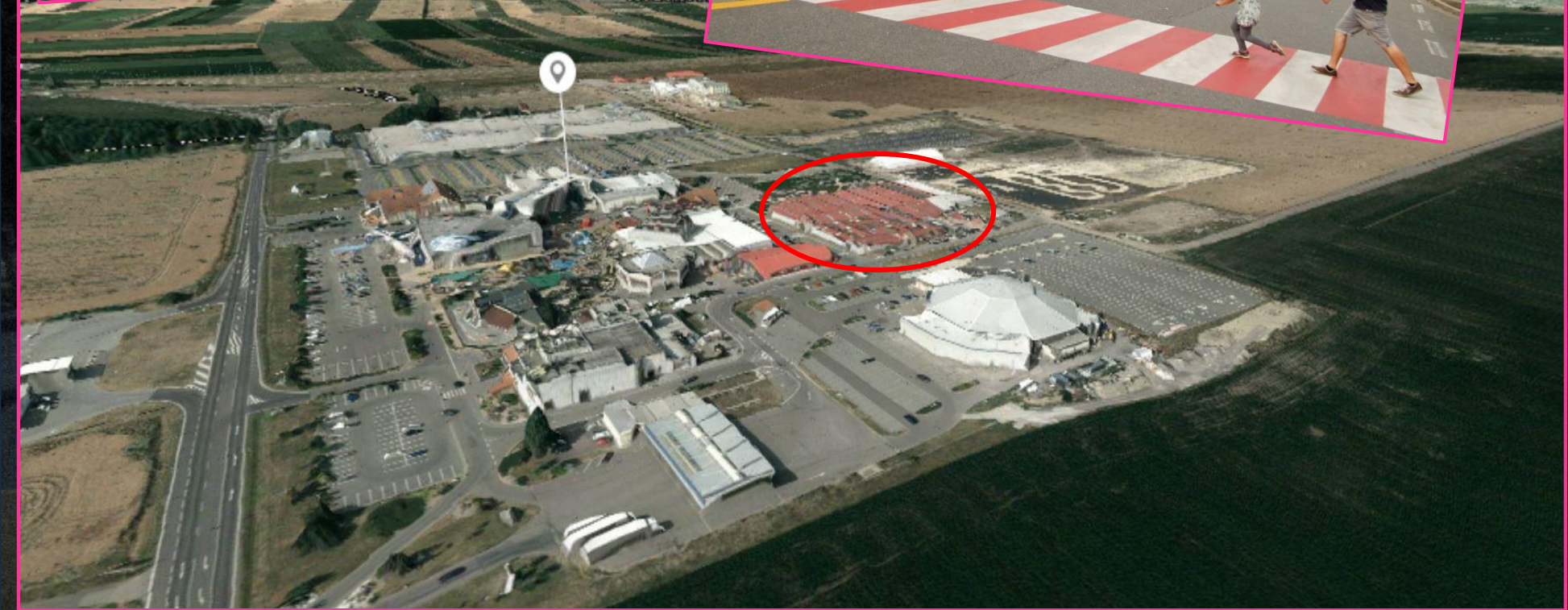
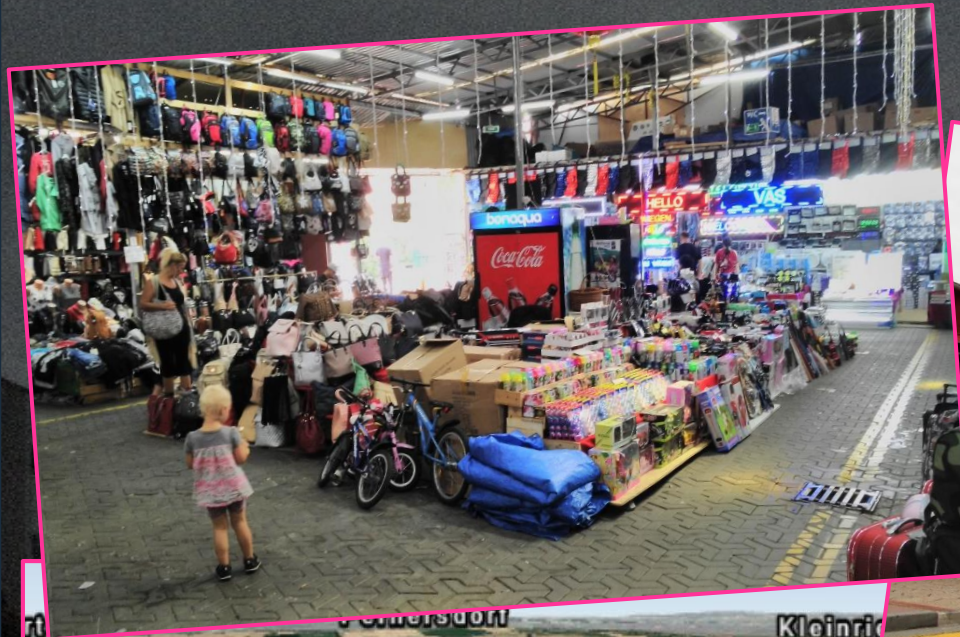
- > Economic growth
- > Main social issue >>> refugees >>>
Vietnamese becoming a model minority
- > VN cuisine becoming trendy



Where do VN live?

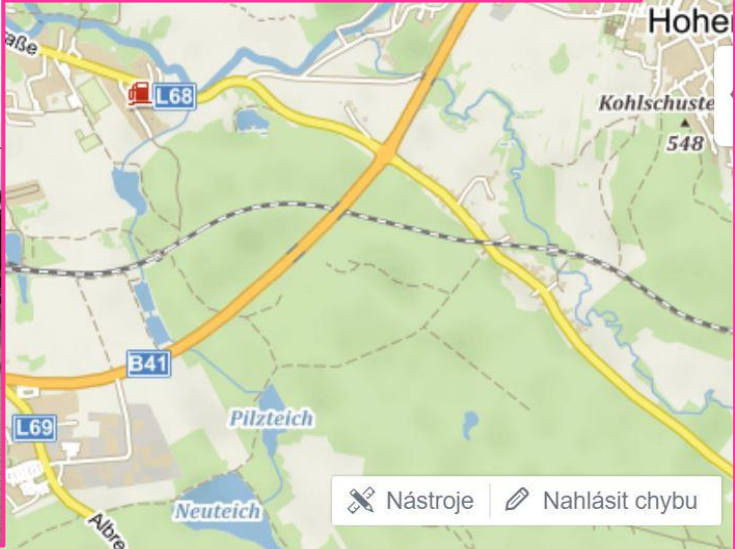
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**CZ-AT
borders**

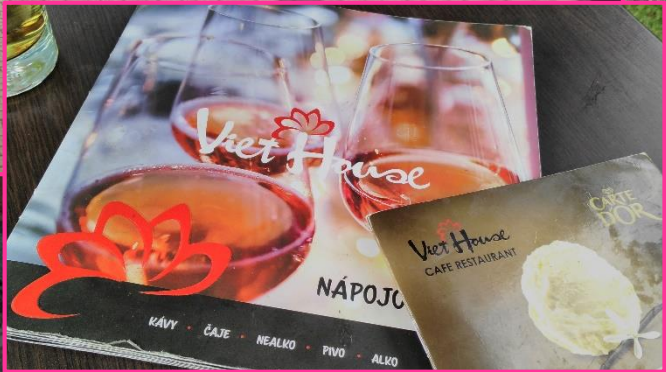
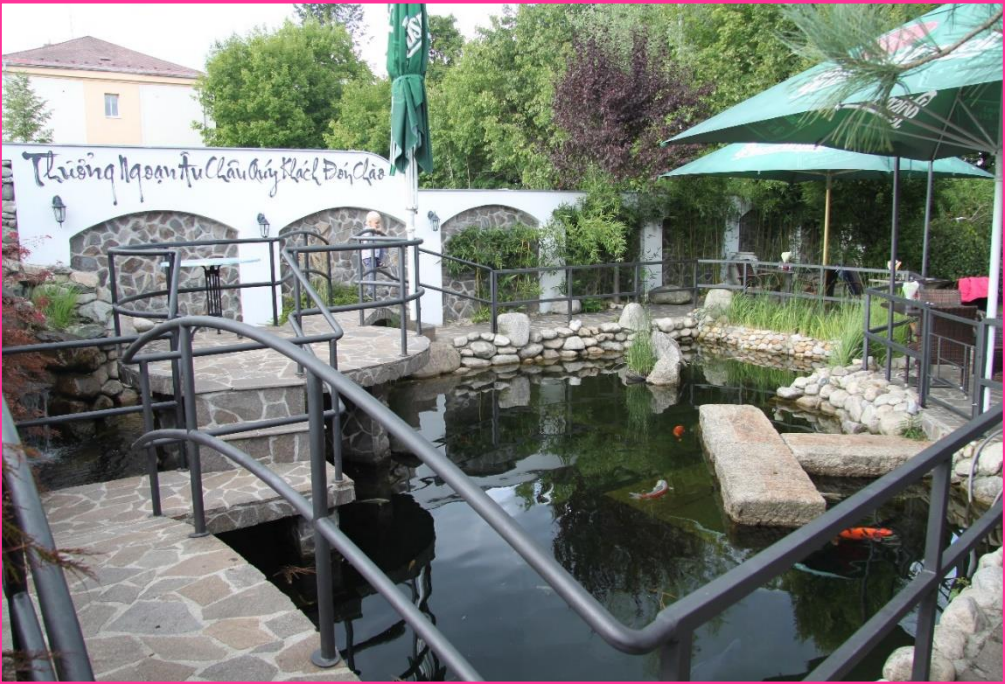
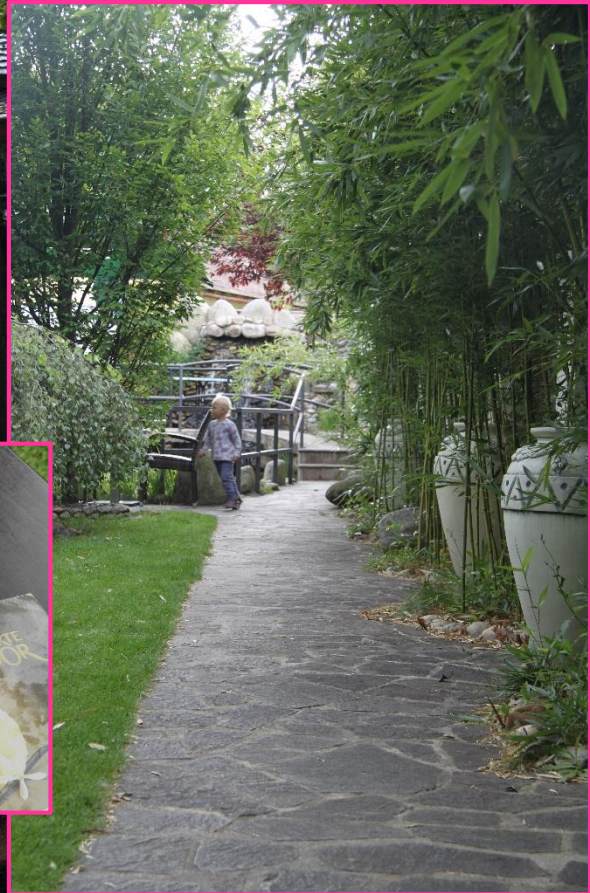
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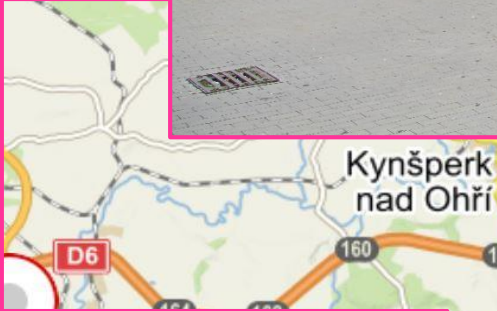




Brno
VINAMO



CZ-DE borders



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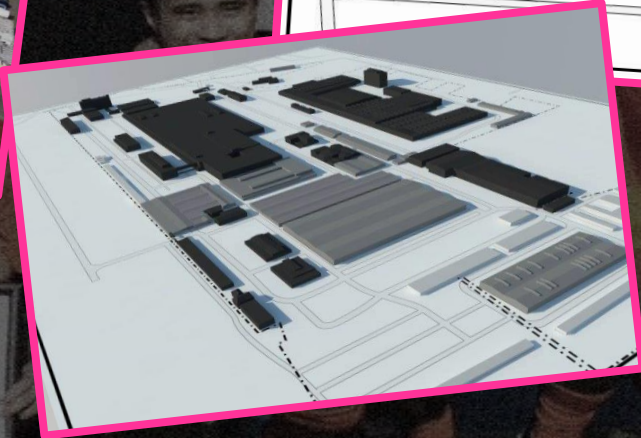
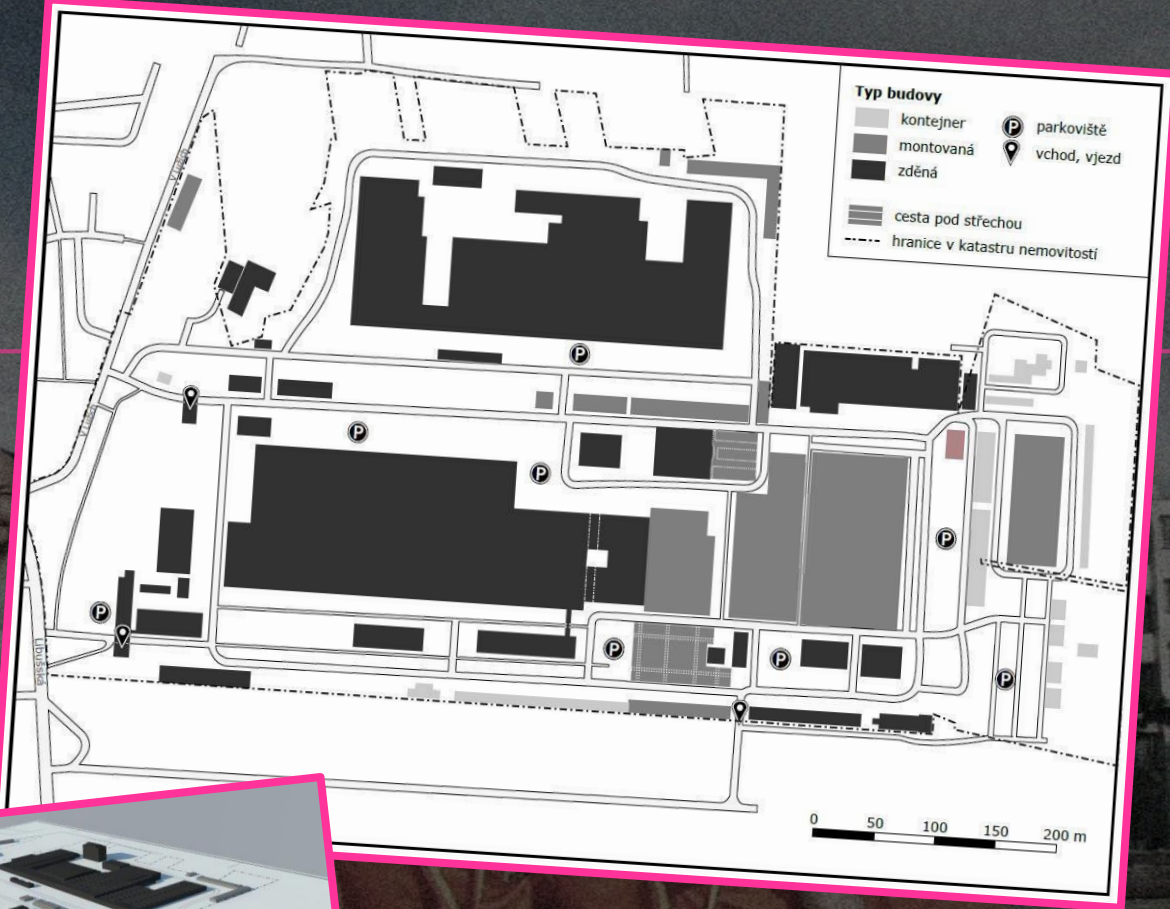


CZ-DE
borders



Praha

Sapa



Praha



Praha



1 banh mi
vietnamské bagety / vietnamese baguette

paté
bageta s domácí paštíkou
paté baguette
100 Kč

bo
bageta s hovězím masem
beef baguette
105 Kč

heo nuong
bageta s vepřovou krikovici
pork baguette
100 Kč

chay
bageta s tofu
tofu baguette
100 Kč

cha ca
bageta s rybím karbanátkem
fish baguette
100 Kč

4 mien ga tom
skleněné nudle, krevety, kuře, zelenina
glass noodles, prawns, chicken, vegetable
130 Kč

5 phở
tradiční vietnamská polévka
traditional vietnamese soup

bo
hovězí / beef
large / small
145 Kč / 90 Kč

ga
kuřecí / chicken
large / small
140 Kč / 85 Kč



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