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## Vietnam's garment export up again in Q1; only nine imported cases reported on Saturday (April 10)

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Workers wrapping up shirts for export at a production line in garment factory in Hanoi. Vietnam raked in nearly US\$7.2 billion from exporting textile and garment in the first quarter of this year, up 1.1 per cent against the same period last year. - AFP

HANOI, April 10 (Xinhua): Vietnam raked in nearly US\$7.2 billion from exporting textile and garment in the first quarter of this year, up 1.1 per cent against the same period last year, according to the country's General Statistics Office's official data.

In March alone, Vietnam's textile and garment export rose 15.3 per cent year-on-year to around US\$2.7 billion.

Most of the local garment enterprises have received sustained new orders, including several future ones until August, according to the Vietnam Textile and Apparel Association.

The recovery of global demand following the rollout of Covid-19 vaccines around the world is expected to bring more positive impacts to the market, said the association.

In 2020, Vietnam recorded an export turnover of roughly US\$29.5 billion from textile and garment products, down 10.2 per cent from 2019, according to the statistics office. Its largest export markets included China, Japan, the European Union, South Korea and the United States.

Meanwhile, Vietnam recorded nine new cases of Covid-19 infection on Saturday (April 10), raising the total confirmed cases in the country to 2,692, according to the country's Ministry of Health.

The new cases are all Vietnamese citizens who recently entered the country from abroad and were quarantined upon arrival, said the ministry.

As many as 2,429 patients have been given the all-clear, the ministry said, adding that over 37,900 people are being quarantined and monitored. - Xinhua