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Tile-roofed French colonial style buildings line a tree-shaded street in downtown Ho Chi Minh City. The central tan building visible is three stories high with balconies and large glass windows. A gated wall surrounds the building. Ho Chi Minh City is the official name of the city and its suburbs. The old downtown center is still called Saigon, and many still use the term casually for the whole area. Saigon is often called the economic capital of the nation while Hanoi is the official political capital.



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