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The research team, composed of five students from Foreign Trade University in Hanoi, Vietnam, is studying the impact of tax-related factors on foreign direct investment (FDI) in selected Asian countries with positive FDI growth. Their project aims to provide insights into how tax policies influence global economic flows and investment decisions. With a solid background in international business and economics, the team is passionate about connecting academic research with real-world applications and contributing to discussions on sustainable development and economic policy.

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