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Spring Interview with the Chairman of
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QUANG TRI IN SPRING WITH NEW BELIEFS & ASPIRATIONS

In the context of many difficulties and challenges, with the reform and development process, Quang Tri has maximized its internal resources, aroused existing potential, and at the same time called for and attracted the promotion of large projects, developing a comprehensive infrastructure system, creating basic motivation to complete the goals in the 2020 - 2025 term.

In the last days of the year, despite busy tasks, Chairman of Quang Tri Provincial People's Committee Vo Van Hung still took the time to share with the reporter of Vietnam Integration Journal about the results and plans for comprehensive development of the province in the eve of Spring 2024.

Reporter: Can you briefly summarize the orientations and visions for Quang Tri to develop comprehensively?

Chairman of the Provincial People's Committee Vo Van Hung: Since embarking on the renovation process, after more than 50 years of development, Quang Tri has strongly revived but is still among the difficult provinces of the country. That has urged in the heart of every provincial leader to use every measure to find new, breakthrough and highly effective development directions, with the will and aspiration to make Quang Tri develop rapidly, comprehensively and strongly, sustainably and modern. Therefore, when the Prime Minister issued the Decision on approving the planning of Quang Tri province, we immediately began implementing specific planning, with a long-term vision, in accordance with the country's development during the period 2021 - 2030, with the vision up to 2050. Through many ups and downs of construction and development, Quang Tri has now gathered the elements with "3 breakthroughs, 5 pillars". With the above factors, it has aroused the creative potential, fully exploiting all advantages such as, developing the scale of tourism, agriculture, forest, marine, mineral products, wind power, and solar power. ...

Reporter: What is the driving force for a strong, consistent and comprehensive breakthrough?

Chairman of the Provincial People's Committee Vo Van Hung: With the Resolution of the 17th Provincial Party Congress and the 5-year plan (2021 - 2025), Quang Tri determined that internal strength is the decisive factor, external force is important with aspirations and breakthrough thinking for planning a new vision for synchronous and comprehensive development, with the vision of forming a new energy center in the region, and at the same time starting to build transport infrastructure right from the early days, this is the highlight of the question. Stories, inspired by the unique strengths of our Quang Tri, in addition to efforts to unite the Party and the people with one heart. Therefore, this breakthrough has contributed to building synchronous and comprehensive development, creating a value chain of Tourism, Agriculture, and Industry products to connect the whole world with the Pacific Ocean and Indian Ocean smoothly and easily. ...

With the above breakthrough strategies plus the efforts of the entire political system, the support and companionship of all walks of life and the business community, in 2023 alone, Quang Tri has attracted 46 projects with a total investment of more than 3,314 billion VND; of which, outside the industrial park, the economic zone attracts 42 projects with a capital of over 1,981 billion VND and in the economic zone, the industrial park has 4 projects with a total investment capital of over 1,333 billion VND. Talking about FDI capital, up to now, Quang Tri has attracted 19 valid FDI projects, with a total registered investment capital of over 2,536 million USD, of which 15 operating projects with a total registered investment capital, more than 106 million USD, 4 projects are under construction with a total registered capital of nearly 2,430 million USD. In addition, Quang Tri have formed a new energy center with 1,090.7 MW of power source projects integrated into the national



Quang Tri accelerates the progress of wind power development in mountainous areas

grid system for commercial operation. By the end of 2023, there are two more projects, with a total capacity of 60MW operated, increasing commercial operating capacity to 1,150.7MW. We set a goal that by 2030, Quang Tri will become the renewable energy center of the Central region and the whole country.

Reporter: By the end of 2023, what are the targets and criteria set out in the Resolution of the 17th Party Congress?

Chairman of the Provincial People's Committee Vo Van Hung: By the end of 2023, Quang Tri has achieved 15/18 major socio-economic targets that have been achieved and exceeded the plan, with 3/18 targets approaching the set plan. In particular, the good news is that Quang Tri has two important targets: GRDP and GRDP per capita in 2023 of the province, both achieved and exceeded the set plan. Through the first 3 years of the term up to this point, out of 26 targets set out in the Resolution of the Provincial People's Council on the 5-year plan 2021-2025, Quang Tri has had 08 targets exceeded and met the plan. There are 10 implemented targets reaching over 92% of the 5-year plan and 8 implemented targets reaching 65-85% of the 5-year plan. In particular, the growth rate of Gross regional domestic product (GRDP) of the province is 6.68%, reaching the set plan (plan is 6.5-7%) and GRDP per capita income is 71 million VND/ 70 million VND. The average GRDP index per capita reached 71 million VND, which for Quang Tri is quite high compared to many provinces in the North Central and Central Coast regions.

These are happy and positive signs, creating a premise and confidence for the province to strive harder to complete and achieve the highest results of the goals set in the Resolution of the 17th Provincial Party Congress and the 5-year socio-economic development plan 2021-2025.

Reporter: What programs will Quang Tri prepare for the new year 2024?

Chairman of the Provincial People's Committee Vo Van Hung: Entering the new year 2024, we will continue to attract investment, in addition, continue to implement large driving-force projects such as Quang Tri Airport with an investment capital of over 5,800 billion VND, which will be started to build in this new year 2024; the Industrial Park will also be built including: Textiles, footwear, packaging and printing, wood processing



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and furniture, food and beverages, to date there are 5 more businesses which signed the memorandum of understanding (MOU) to lease land in Quang Tri Industrial Park for investment in construction and development. As for My Thuy port, the construction will begin on the first day of February 2024. As for the eastern bypass of Dong Ha city, it has completed the bidding work and will organize construction of the route from Doc Mieu (Gio Linh) to Dong Ha, Cam Lo - Lao Bao Expressway project is being urgently implemented; once it were completed and put into use, it would be a chain connecting the East-West arterial highway traffic routes with road, sea, air. At that time, Quang Tri will be an intersection point attracting international tourists and goods coming in and out.

Reporter: Quang Tri is known throughout the country as a red address for spiritual culture, with many famous people and many historical relics of the country. Tell us about the province's interest in this work?

Chairman of the Provincial People's Committee Vo Van Hung: In 2023, Quang Tri has successfully organized major holidays such as: National Unification Festival and Opening Ceremony of Quang Tri tourist season; Celebrating

the 50th anniversary of the launch of the Provisional Revolutionary Government Headquarters of the Republic of South Vietnam, the 50th anniversary of Cuban President Fidel Castro's visit to the liberated region of Quang Tri, the 55th anniversary of the Victory on the Khe Sanh Road 9, Celebrating the 100th birthday of General Doan Khue... with the above festivals, it has created a good impression, aroused pride in the homeland and people of Quang Tri, and at the same time promoted it with international friends and domestically, creating a strong spillover effect, expanding foreign relations and international economic cooperation such as the Quang Tri - Thailand Connection Program, meeting partners from Singapore, Japan, South Korea, and other countries, Embassies, Working with Lao provinces of Savannakhet, Salavan, Champasak and Se Kong. ...

Congratulations to the Party Committee and people of Quang Tri Iron Land as you enter the new year 2024 and continue to overcome all challenges to continue building and developing the province comprehensively, richly, strongly and sustainably in accordance with belief and hope of the whole country. ■

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My Thuy Port Area project, which is about to be built, has the total investment of 14,234 billion VND, with a scale of 685 hectares including 10 wharves, and is able to receive ships with the tonnage of 100,000 tons and is invested in 3 phases including: Phase 1 from 2018-2025: to invest in 4 wharves with an investment capital of nearly 5,000 billion VND; Phase 2 from 2026-2031: to invest in 3 wharves with a capital of nearly 5,000 billion VND; Phase 3 from 2032-2036: to invest in 3 wharves with a capital of over 4,300 billion VND.

