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## **Developing Van Don as an international trading hub**



Van Don EZ will become an international trading hub, a key driver for the Northern key economic zones, a high quality maritime island tourism center and a world class recreational center in the North.

The PM just signed the Decision No. 1296/QĐ-TTg on the master planning scheme of the Vân Đồn EZ until 2020 and vision to 2030. The EZ will cover the entire Vân Đồn District with an area of 2,171.33 km<sup>2</sup>, including 551.33 km<sup>2</sup> of natural land and 1,620 km<sup>2</sup> of sea surface. Its population is estimated to reach 80,000 – 90,000 by 2015 and 150,000 people by 2020 while the projected total of tourists coming to the EZ is 1.7 million arrivals/year.

The EZ is built into different functional zones including: tourism areas, CBD, logistics and trading hub, clean industrial parks, areas for agriculture, forestry and aquaculture and other parts such as eco and maritime services urban areas in Cai Bau Island as well as in some major islands with crowded inhabitants.

It is planned to establish the administrative center of the EZ, offices, services and commercial building in islands facing the center. In the center of the EZ, such key community facilities will be built as hospitals, schools and universities.

Van Don Airport will be built in Binh Dan Commune and start to operate in the period 2016-2020 with capacity of 500,000 passengers/year. Van Don seaports are planned to develop in the Northeastern part of Cai Bau Island, allowing ships with capacity of 5,000-10,000 tons in and out.

As for transportation, a highway will be built to run through Cai Bau Island, connecting with National Road No. 18 and Noi Bai – Mong Cai Highway in Mong Duong and Tien Yen. Moreover, a light tram will be developed from Van Don Airport to Mong Duong via terminals to connect with the national railway network.

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*(Source: Decision No. 1296/QĐ-TTg)*