

## Description

**Location (accessibility, multiplier effects on neighboring regions), population, size, reputation in the country**

### Location:

Vinh city is the economic, cultural, political center of Nghe An province, a large province located in Northern center of Vietnam. Vinh city is located in the South-East of the province, about 300 Km far away from the Hanoi capital to the South and 1400 Km from Ho Chi Minh city from the South. Vinh city have a favorable geographic location with a system of road traffic, railway, aviation and water line. From Vinh city, good exchange with Lao country can be done through the border gate Nam Can, Nghe An Thanh Thuy of Cua Lo port or through other countries.

### City Population:

295,000 inhabitants

### Size:

the natural area of 104.96 km<sup>2</sup>

**Political/legal position in the respective state structure (name of major and term in office, next election period, decision-making structures)**

Vinh city has recently been certified as category 1 city under the authority of Nghe An province. This category indicates its key role in speeding up the socio-economic development of the whole country. The inner city area includes 16 wards and 9 communes.

- **Name of major: Hoang Dang Hao**
- **Term in Office:2005-2010**
- **Next election period; 2010-2014**

**Human and financial resources (no. of civil servants working in the public administration, overall annual financial budget, etc).**

### Human and financial resources:

- **No of civil servant working in the public administration: 145 persons**
- **500,000 USD)≈Overall annual financial budget: 9.500.000.000 VND (**



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## Education:

26,498 people have BA degree and MA degree, accounting for 12,4 % total population, of which.

## Labor and Jobs:

The city tries to appeal for qualified and skillful labors by:

- **Intensifying vocational training to improve the labor quality to meet the socio-economic development in the orientation of industrialization and modernization. Ensuring qualified labors at the rate of 80% labor forces.**
- **Increasing the rate of undergraduate and postgraduate labors to 14-15% of labor forces to comply with the following structure: 1 undergraduate labor - 4 vocational training labors - 10-technique workers.**
- **Increasing 2,000-2,500 jobs per year in the period 2000-2005 and 3,000-5,000 jobs per year in the period 2006-2010.**
- **Increasing labors for the industry and service. Transforming certain agricultural labors into the service and industrial production. Decreasing the unemployment rate to lower than 4% by 2010.**
- **Enhancing the productivity by 2010 three times as much as that of 2000**

## Specific political, social, cultural and economic character/framework

### Political indicators:

The political structure of Vinh city is under the central political mechanism of Vietnam. The security and political order and social safety and stability are maintained, creating a favorable environment for socio economic development. Political system of the city is strengthened and consolidated to enable

### Culture indicators:

The City Government is encouraging the residents to increase the rate of "cultural streets" to 70-80% and "culture awarded families" to 90-95% in 2010.

"Culture awarded family" is title given by Vietnamese Government to family that achieves some cultural standards and aiming to encourage household to reach that standard. If 80% of households in the street achieve that title, the street can be recognized as the "culture street".



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The City Government also built cultural and information institution at city level and local level. After 2005, all districts will have cultural center and information including libraries and museums.

### Economic indicators:

The city has an average growth rate of 19.5% in the period 2001-2010 (14.75% in the old plan).

- **Industry and construction: 42%**
- **Service, commerce and tourism: 56%**
- **Agriculture and fishery: 2%**

Average economic development speed: 16.5%. Average income per capita: 1,900 USD/year

Vinh city has suffered two wars and was totally destroyed. The reconstruction had been carried out since 1974. However, due to budgets limitation, construction of infrastructure, road network, pavement, cultural house, health care stations are downgraded and of low quality. This condition directly affects the urban landscape and the living condition of the urban inhabitants.



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