

President Truong Tan Sang visits and works at Ba Ria – Vung Tau: Settlement of funds for key infrastructures



*President Truong Tan Sang (first row, the 3rd from the left) visits Cai Mep International Terminal (CMIT) in the morning of 28-6.
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Yesterday 28-6, President Truong Tan Sang leading the delegation of the Central ministries and agencies had a working visit at Ba Ria-Vung Tau.

In the morning, the President visited a few key businesses of the province. At the destinations which are SP-PSA International Port, CMIT Port, Posco Ltd. Corp. of Vietnam... The President listened to businesses reporting about their production progress for the first 6 months of 2012. In general, the economic downturn with interest, input costs rising... has affected the performance of the businesses.

At Cai Mep port, Mr. Steen Davidson, General Director of CMIT port, said; thanks to always paying attention to safety and environmental policies, therefore, although having been put into operation for only over a year, CMIT port has a high loading and unloading capacity in the world; this is because of the great efforts of the unit. However, with the current economy in difficulties, not only CMIT port but also BR-VT port is desperately in need of stronger support from the Government to bring the Cai Mep port area to become a port complex standing and developing successfully.

At Posco Co., Ltd. Vietnam, Mr. Nam Siu, the General Director proposed that the National Government should have preferential policies for the steel industry, because, currently this is a sector that is considered to have the most goods remaining in stock. And also because of that, as from being put into operation in 2009 until now, the production efficiency of the company over the years had suffered losses.

The President evaluated highly the efforts of the businesses that have contributed in the growth of the country in general and of BR-VT in particular, at the same time sharing the difficulties and acknowledging the opinions and recommendations of businesses. The President emphasized that the Government is doing their best in solving the difficulties for businesses and for investors in the country and foreign investors: Continue to create a healthy legal, social, and competition environment which grows better daily so businesses can have more opportunities to develop equally and contribute in the building of the country.



President Truong Tan Sang (first, from the left) listening to the report about the plan for arterial traffic roads for the development of Cai Mep – Thi Vai port system

In the afternoon of the same day, President Truong Tan Sang had a meeting with the provincial leaders, the People's Council and the provincial People's Committee.

At the meeting, Mr. Tran Minh Sanh, Chairman of the provincial People's Committee briefly reported on the implementation of developing socio-economic and national security in the province for the first 6 months of 2012. Accordingly, GDP increased 5.5%; industrial production increased 6.9%; agricultural production increased 5.44%; service revenues increased 16.25%; exports reached 835 million USD an increase of 6.79%; total development capital investment at 16,478 billion VND an increase of 8.55%; issue investment certificate to 10 foreign investment projects with registered capital of 103 million USD and 16 investment projects in the country at 30,032 billion VND; the budget nearly 62,000 billion VND, accounting for 60% of estimation, increased 14.5% over the same period; credit loan sales of 15,650 billion VND, outstanding of 26,700 billion VND. In the province there are currently 14 industrial zone with 236 projects still valid, with total registered capital over 11.4 billion VND. Implementing Resolution number 13/NQ-CP of the Government, the provincial People's Committee directed all levels, and all sectors to urgently implement the policies, and measures to solve the difficulties for business production, market support, creating favorable condition for business to overcome difficulties. The sectors and fields of health, education and training, culture and sports, security and defense have all performed their assigned duties well; concerned social security policy has achieved positive results...etc

The President evaluated highly the achievements in socio-economic and national security of the Party, the Government and the people of BR-VT in recent years, at the same time also asked local authorities to: Continue positively implementing the measures in stabilizing the macroeconomy, ensuring social security in the region according to Resolution number 13 of the Government. Focus attention on production and the lives of citizens in agricultural area; maintain the production growth rate of agriculture through investment, transferring of new technology for livestock farming and crops to increase capacity, quality and efficiency in agricultural production. Have more efficient solution to increase the supply of credit to businesses investing in production activities; handle bad loans at commercial banks. Coordinate with the ministries and agencies of the Central Committee in addressing the capital investment for key infrastructures; create motivation for developing port services, gas and oil, tourism...etc. In the field of attracting foreign investments, particularly focus on promoting the advantages, the potential to invite investment projects in industrial development supporting in serving mechanical engineering and other industries. For security and defense, the province should focus on and pay more attention to caring for the lives of officers and soldiers of armed forces in the province; strengthen the bonds of the army; construct the formation for national defense to ensure safety for fishery production activities, oil and gas exploration and other activities in the South sea region of Vietnam.

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To support the local region in promoting socio-economic development, the provincial leaders proposed to the Central Committee: Implement as soon as possible the projects for infrastructures linking to the Thi Vai-Cai Mep port system, specifically constructing the Bien Hoa-Vung Tau railway, the Ho Chi Minh City-Bien Hoa-Vung Tau freeway; Continue to support capital investment to ensure the progress of implementing the Cai Mep-Thi Vai inter-port road, route 991B and Phuoc Hoa-Cai Mep road. Propose that the Central Committee direct the overall coordination for the development of the port system in the region, avoid spreading investment, fragmentation and waste.