

**Speech of Mr. Kieu Van Tam,
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- Your Excellency Mr. Fernando Curcio Ruigómez - Ambassador of the Kingdom of Spain,
- Dear Leaders of the People's Committee of Ho Chi Minh City
- Ladies and Gentlement

First of all I would like to say thank you to the Embassy of Spain for inviting the Department of Planning and Investment to "Vietnam Spain Multilateral Partnership".

With the authorization of Mr. Huynh Duc Tho, Director of the Department of Planning and Investment of Da Nang, I would like to contribute my opinions at this Round Table as follows:

Da Nang City is situated in the Central of Vietnam, 764 km away from Hanoi in the North and 964 km away from Ho Chi Minh City in the South. Natural area of 1.255 km². Population of 889.000 inhabitants (until April 2009).

Da Nang lies at the eastern end toward the Pacific Ocean of East West Economic Corridor (EWEC).

In the past years, Da Nang City has invested in a rather complete urban transport infrastructure using investment capital from State budget, ODA capital and other sources.

Out of ODA projects in Da Nang, there are 2 projects financed by the Spanish Government. In concrete:

- 1- Medical Waste Treatment Project of Da Nang City
Total investment capital: 3,86 million euro, out of which Spanish ODA amount to: 3,65 million euro, reciprocal capital of Da Nang City is 0,21 million euro.
Objective of the project: Equipping concentrated medical solid waste treatment system in the city, and at the same time investing in the installation of waste water treatment systems at hospitals.
Project duration: from 2010.
- 2- Da Nang City Traffic Lights and Control Systems.
Total investment capital: 3.552.372 million euros, out of which Spanish ODA capital amounts to 2.500.000 euros and Vietnam's reciprocal capital is 1.052.372 eur.

In order to put those projects into operation and fulfil the projects's objectives agreed upon by governments of the two countries, we hope Your Excellency Ambassador of Spain would continue to work with the Government of Spain so that the financing agreements can be signed soon.

Da Nang is now making a change in economic structure: from Industry, Services, Agriculture to Services, Industry and Agriculture after 2010 so that it can become an Environmental City in 2020.

In order to ensure rapid and sustainable development of the city, Da Nang has been financed by JICA (Japan) for research, survey and elaboration of a project for improving water environment of the city. This project is now being implemented.

Da Nang is now calling for investors into projects in the Hi-tech Park and Informatic Technology Industrial Zone (I will provide information to investors if they interested)

With a view to converting Da Nang into the main economic hub of the central region (from Thua Thien - Hue to Binh Dinh), the Government of Vietnam has a policy of investing in trans-regional transportation system from Quang Tri Province to Quang Ngai Province. At the moment, the Da Nang - Dung Quoc (in Quang Ngai) Expressway has got the project plan from the Government and will start construction work by the end of 2010.

Total investment capital of this project: 1,6 million USD. Total length: 130 km, design speed 100km/h, consisting of 4 lanes, 4 big roads and 1 tunnel.

At this Seminar, I would like to attract Spanish investors to projects in IT Industrial Zone and Hi-tech Park of Da Nang City. At the same time, I would like to attract your attention to Da Nang – Dung Quoc Expressway as mentioned above.

I wish you all good health.

I wish you all a successful seminar.