

Description

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

Location:

Danang City is located from 15o55'20" to 16o14'10" North, 107o18'30" to 108o20' East, about 759km from Hanoi Capital and 960km from Ho Chi Minh City. Conveniently, it lies on the north-south communications axis of land route (National Road 1A), rail, sea and air routes. Danang borders Thua Thien - Hue Province in the north, Quang Nam Province in the south and the west, and the Eastern Sea in the east.

Danang is the powerhouse of growth and development for the Central Region. It plays a crucial role as the growth nucleus of the Key Economic Zone in Central Vietnam, and giving the impetus to the socio-economic growth of the Central Region and the Central Highlands. Danang Port is the Eastern Gateway to the East-West Economic Corridor, acting as the access point for the Pacific Ocean of the virtually untapped hinterland of Laos, Northeast Thailand, Myanmar and Central Vietnam. In addition, Danang is the entrance for exploring the four World Natural and Cultural Heritages in Central Vietnam.

In brief, with the strategic location, good infrastructure system (an international airport, a deep-water seaport and north-south land routes and railways), Danang has great potentials for manufacturing, trade and tourism development and investment

Total urban population (4/2009)

Population of the city is estimated of 887,100 people in 56 wards/communes which are divided into 8 administrative units (06 urban districts, 1 rural district and 1 archipelago district).

Natural population growth rate

The rate of population growth naturally maintains stable at 1.2% per year (2008).

Urban Size

241.51 km²



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

- Danang City was certified as the first city of category 1 in Central Vietnam under the direct management of the central Government. Category 1 indicates the city's strategic role in the political, economic, cultural, scientific-technical, industrial, tourism, commercial and service functions. It also serves as the national and international transportation junction and plays a key role to speed up the socio-economic development for the inter-provincial region or the whole country.
- The political structure of Danang City belongs to the central political mechanism of Vietnam.
- Name of major: Tran Van Minh
- 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).

- No of civil servant working in the public administration: 16,000 persons
- Overall annual financial budget: VND 10,000,000,000,000 (# USD 526 mil.)

Specific political, social, cultural and economic character/framework

The political structure of Danang City belongs to the central political mechanism of Vietnam. The social safety and security and political stability are well controlled and facilitated through the socio-economic development of the city. The City's political system is strengthened and consolidated to meet the strong management capacity.

Road networks, public services and urban facilities have been built and renewed to make living conditions in Danang more comfortable. Many planned residential areas, new roads, parks, exercise grounds, supermarkets, trade centers and clean and open promenades make Danang a beautiful city. Schools, hospitals, and golf courses of international standards have been set up in order to better local residents' life and to attract foreign investors and visitors.

Various initiatives such as the "Five Nos", "Three Must-Haves" have been implemented with the participation of Danang's communities. The "Five Nos" are:

- No poor households according to the city poverty standard
- No pupil will leave during primary or secondary education
- No beggars



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- **No drug addicts in community**
- **No killing for properties**

The “Three Must- haves” includes:

- **Have accommodation**
- **Have job**
- **Have civilized lifestyle**

These initiatives accelerated Danang’s progress in becoming a bustling city, with good cultural environment and lifestyle, and a high quality of life.

The development project for Danang to be an environmentally-conscious city by year 2020 is under progress, with specific action plans:

- **to increase its landscape area and public spaces,**
- **to ensure the standards of water supply and air quality,**
- **to settle issues related to climate change.**

In the period of 2006-2009, Danang City has created jobs for average of 32,000 people/year, increasing 1.6 times compared to the period of 1997-2005 (nearly 19,600 jobs/year). A total of 100% of households now connect to the power line and own radio and/or TV. All communal areas have access to the clean water

Danang has high educational development indexes with fairly complete education systems, creating favorable and firm foundations to carry out the target of enhancing the quality for human resources and life. At present, Danang has completed to make compulsory to everyone general education at the primary and secondary school level and the city is trying to reach the compulsory to everyone at high school education level. There are 14 universities and colleges, 15 professional secondary schools and 51 vocational centers in Danang now.

The city healthcare system consists of 12 state hospitals, 5 non-state hospitals, 5 specialized health centers, 6 district health centers, 56 commune health centers and a foreign invested family clinic.

Danang has experienced continual and stable economic growth. GDP grew at an average rate of 12.47 % in the period 2001-2006, and at a rate of 11.2% in 2009. Services account for 50.3%, manufacture and construction 46.2% and agro-forestry and fishery 3.5% of the city economic structure. GDP per capita income of Danang reached US\$1,706 in 2009. Major industrial products consist of seafood, textile and garments, footwear, mechanical products,



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building materials, fine-arts handicrafts. High technology industries, in particular ICT and tourism are now developing as two key industries of Danang.



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