

NEW CONTRIBUTIONS OF THE THESIS

Thesis topic: **Economic development in coastal areas of Thanh Hoa province in the direction of modernity.**

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1. New theoretical contributions

The thesis clearly explains the meanings of economic development in coastal areas in the direction of modernity, including: (i) modernizing development activities in coastal areas; (ii) organizing economies by territories, urban areas in advanced and modern forms; (iii) modernizing management of economic development in coastal areas. The thesis points out 06 important factors affecting the economic development of coastal areas in the direction of modernity, affirming the important role of: (i) economic development policies in coastal areas and the management by the State; (ii) the ability to bring profits to investors as well as interests for the state and the citizens. In addition, it has established 07 criteria based on which economic development in coastal areas in the direction of modernity could be analyzed and evaluated.

2. New findings drawn from the research

The thesis has identified potentials, strengths, comparative advantages and difficulties for economic development in coastal areas, and the current status of economic development in coastal areas of Thanh Hoa province. On that basis, the thesis proposes development orientations that create high competitiveness and suggests 05 important solutions to modernize economic development in coastal areas of Thanh Hoa province, especially in the context of the fourth industrial revolution and increasingly severe climate change. The thesis provides scientific basis for Thanh Hoa Provincial People's Committee, People's Committees of districts and provincial cities in coastal areas in planning development policies in the short, medium and long term. It also serves as a reference for coastal localities to build development plans, contributing to the successful implementation of Strategy for sustainable development of Vietnam's marine economy to 2030, with a vision to 2045.

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