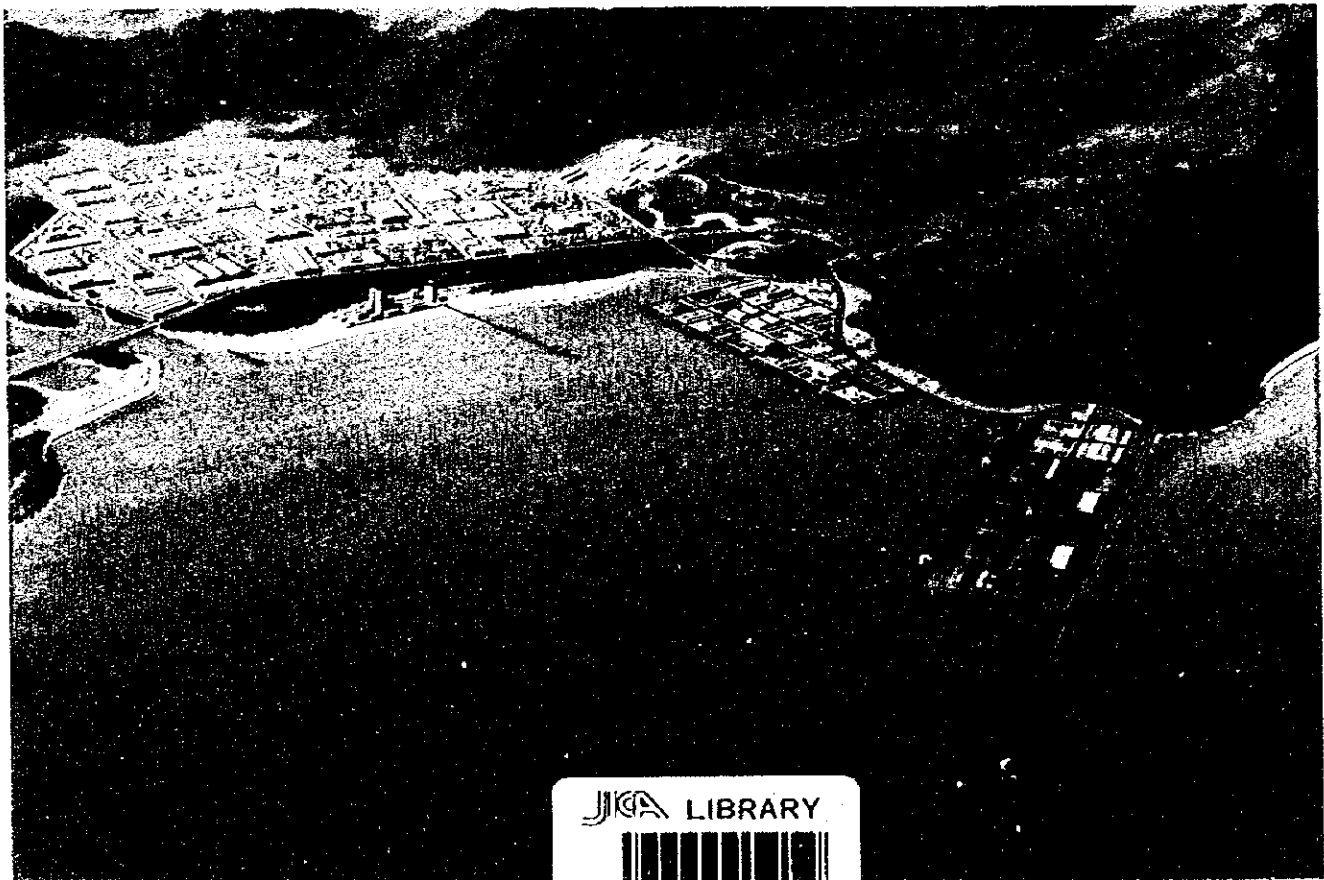


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## PREFACE

In response to a request from the Government of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam, the Government of Japan decided to conduct the study on the port development plan in the key area of the central region and entrusted the study to the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA).

JICA sent to Vietnam a study team headed by Mr. Yukio Nishida, senior executive director of the Overseas Coastal Area Development Institute of Japan, from February 1997 to May 1998.

The team held discussions with the officials concerned of the Government of Vietnam, and conducted field surveys at the study area. After the team returned to Japan, further studies were made and the present report was prepared.

I hope that this report will contribute to the promotion of the project and to the enhancement of friendly relations between our two countries.

I wish to express my sincere appreciation to officials concerned of the Government of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam for their close cooperation extended to the team.

August 1998



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Kimio Fujita

President

Japan International Cooperation Agency





## LETTER OF TRANSMITTAL

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Sir,

I have the honor to submit herewith the Report for the Study on the Port Development Plan in the Key Area of the Central Region in the Socialist Republic of Vietnam.

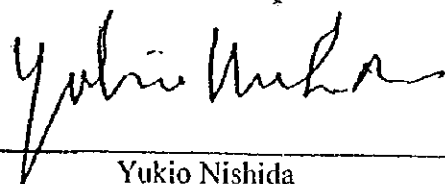
The study team which consists of the Overseas Coastal Area Development Institute of Japan (OCDI) and Japan Port Consultants, Ltd. (JPC), headed by myself, conducted a survey in the study area from February 1997 to May 1998 as per the contract with the Japan International Cooperation Agency.

In line with the scope of work agreed upon in September 1996 between both governments, long term development plans (target year 2020) of the three study areas, namely, Chan May, Lien Chieu and Dung Quat have been formulated. In addition, a short term development plan (target year 2010) of the selected area, Lien Chieu has been formulated and a feasibility study has been conducted. Furthermore, initial stage development plans of other two areas, Chan May and Dung Quat, have been formulated and a pre-feasibility study has been conducted in accordance with the discussion with the Government of Vietnam.

On behalf of the study team, I would like to express my deepest appreciation to the Government of Vietnam, Ministry of Transport and other authorities concerned for their brilliant cooperation and assistance and for the heartfelt hospitality which they extended to the study team during our stay in Vietnam.

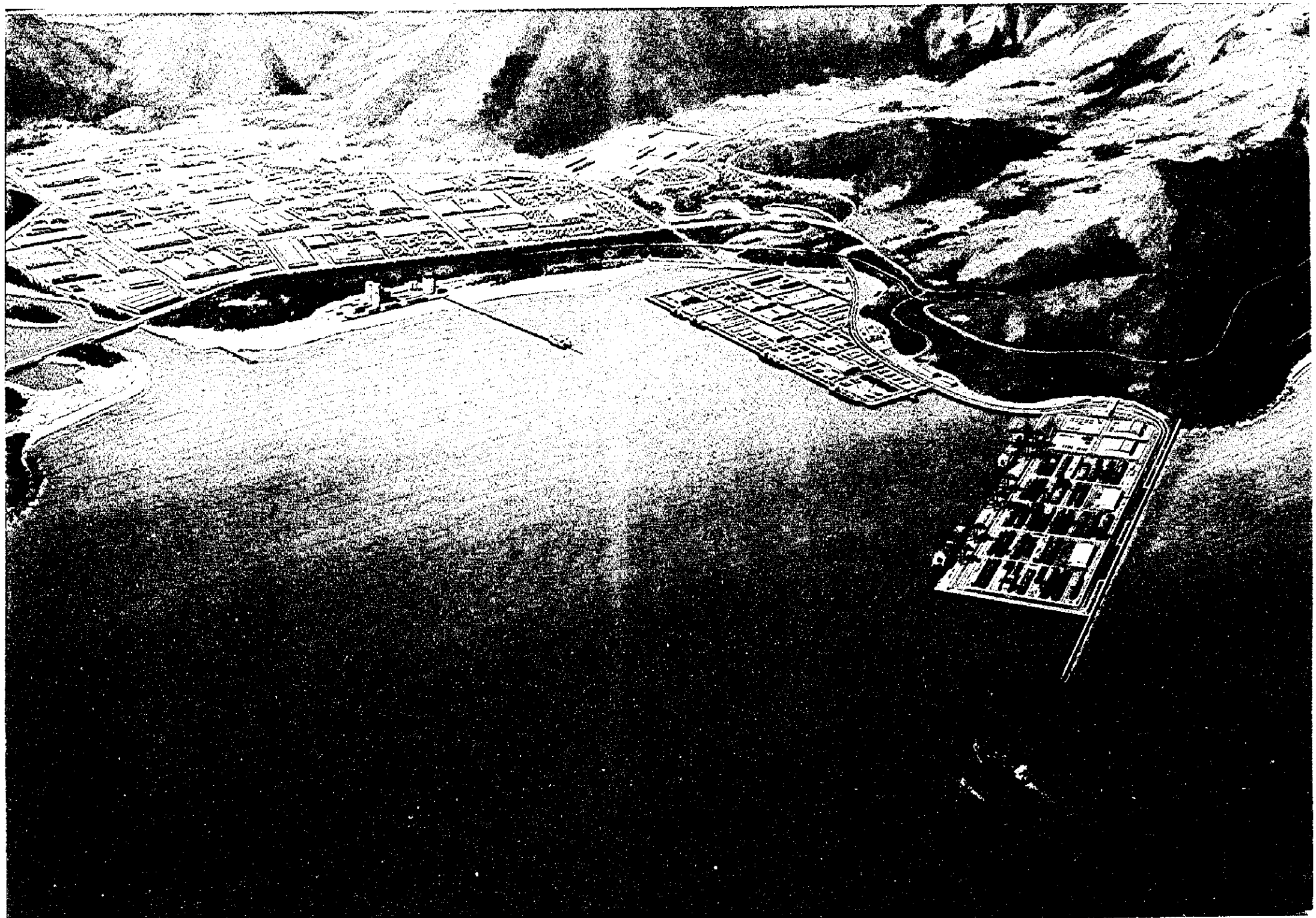
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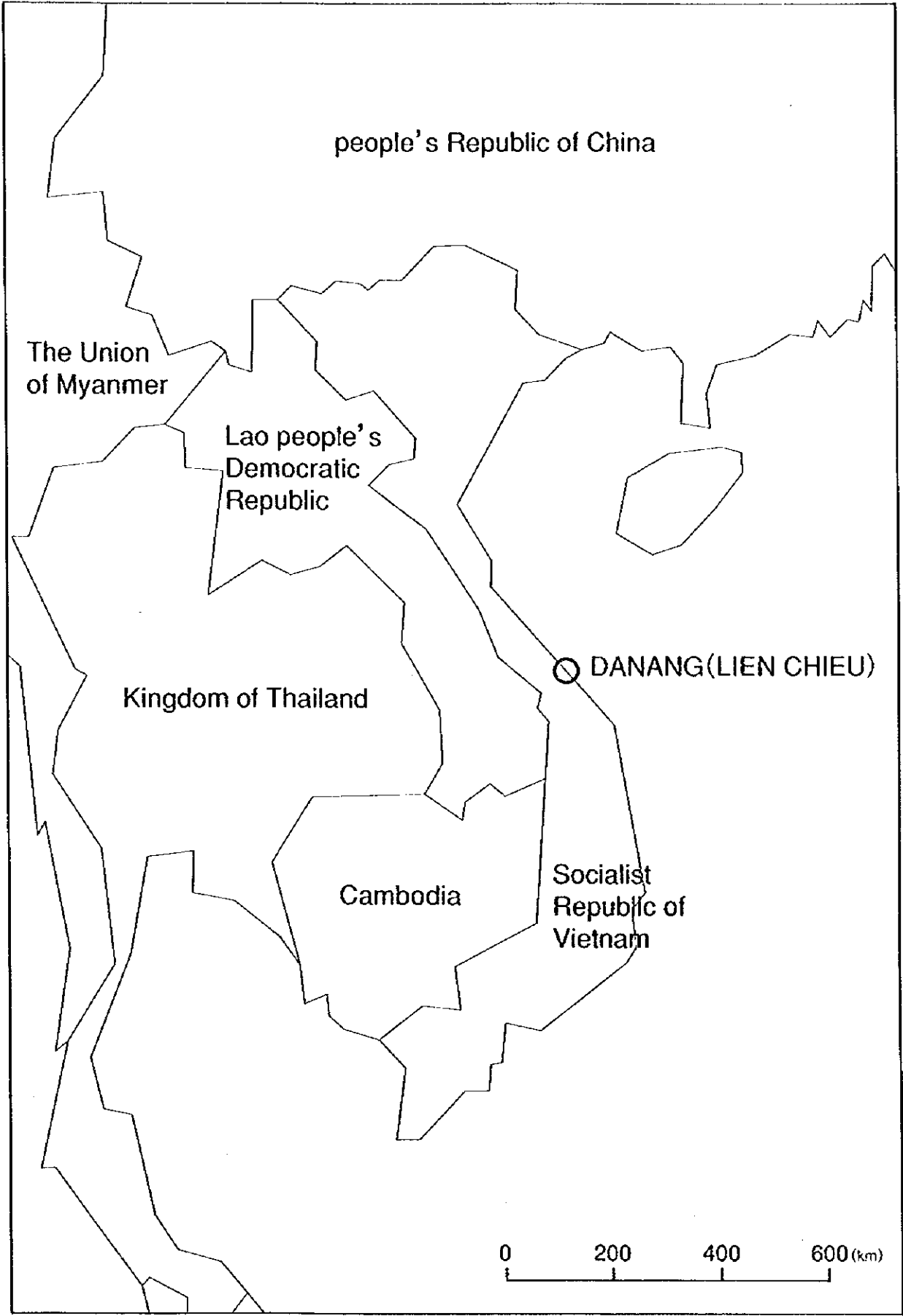
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on the Port Development Plan  
in the Key Area of the Central Region





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## Abbreviations

ADB	Asian Development Bank
ASEAN	Association of South-East Asian Nations
AFTA	ASEAN Free Trade Area
BOD	Biochemical Oxygen Demand
BOQ	Bill of Quantity
BOT	Build-Operate-Transfer
CDL	Chart Datum Level
CFC	Conversion Factor for Consumption
CFS	Container Freight Station
CM	Chan May
CIF	Cost, Insurance and Freight
COD	Chemical Oxygen Demand
CY	Container Yard
DEPIZA	Quangnam-Danang Export Processing and Industrial Zones Authority
DQ	Dung Quat
DWT	Dead Weight Tonnage
EIA	Environmental Impact Assessment
EIRR	Economic Internal Rate of Return
EPZ	Export Processing Zone
FCL	Full Container Load
FDI	Foreign Direct Investment
FIRR	Financial Internal Rate of Return
FOB	Freight on Board
FTZ	Free Trade Zone
GDP	Gross Domestic Product
GRT	Gross Registered Tonnage
GSO	General Statistics Office
HHWL	Highest High Water Level
HWL	Mean Monthly-Highest Water Level
IEE	Initial Environmental Examination
ICOR	Incremental Capital Output Ratio
ISP	Initial Stage Development Plan
IWB	Inland Waterway Bureau
IZ	Industrial Zone
JICA	Japan International Cooperation Agency

JPC	Japan Port Consultants, Ltd.
LC	Lien Chieu
LLWL	Lowest Low Water Level
LWL	Mean Monthly-Lowest Water Level
MHHWSL	Mean Higher High Water Springs Level
MHMC	Marine Hydro-meteorological Center
MLLWSL	Mean Lower Low Water Springs
MOC	Ministry of Construction
MOSTE	Ministry of Science, Technology and Environment
MOT	Ministry of Transport
MPI	Ministry of Planning and Investment
MSL	Mean Sea Level
NEA	National Environment Agency
OCDI	Overseas Coastal Area Development Institute of Japan
ODA	Official Development Assistance
OECP	Overseas Economic Cooperation Fund, Japan
PETROLIMEX	Vietnam National Petroleum Export-Import Co.
PMU	Project Management Unit
Ro/Ro	Roll on/Roll off
SCF	Standard Conversion Factor
SS	Suspended Solid (Material)
TEDI	Transport Engineering Design Incorporation
TDSI	Transport Development and Strategy Institute
TEU	Twenty Footer Equivalent Unit
VINALINES	Vietnam National Shipping Lines
THB	Thai Baht
VINAMARINE	Vietnam National Maritime Bureau
VMS	Vietnam Maritime Safety Agency
VSC	Vietnam Steel Corporation
VNCC	Vietnam Cement Corporation
VND	Vietnam Dong

## **Abstract (Lien Chieu)**

### **1. Background**

Central region of Vietnam has not enjoyed the economic boom prevailing in the south and north region. To cope with this situation, the national government proposed or approved several projects in the region including the East West Transport Corridor, Dung Quat oil refinery, the South North Highway through Hai Van tunnel and industrial zone development as well as agricultural development. Transportation infrastructures including port facilities are in poor condition in the region to serve for economic development.

### **2. Objectives of the Study**

This study aims at formulating long-term port development plans for Chan May, Lien Chieu, and Dung Quat and at proposing the initial stage development plan for the three sites, which consists of a package of port facilities required for the first stage of a new port development. The study also includes the financial analysis and environmental impact assessment for a selected initial stage development plan. The objectives of the Study are:

- 1) to formulate long-term port development plans for the period up to the year in and around 2020 for the three development sites;
- 2) to formulate an initial stage plan encompassing the package of port facilities to be developed at the first stage of the development; and
- 3) to make a financial analysis and environmental impact study for a selected initial stage development plan to assess the feasibility of the project as a short term development plan up to the year in and around 2010.

### **3. Master Plan for Lien Chieu area of Danang Port**

Requirements for new berths in Lien Chieu Port are estimated at two full size container berths with a total length of 660 m, one multipurpose berths of 270 m and conventional general cargo berths with a total length of 1,020 m. The main breakwater has a length of 1,450 m to shelter the port waters, and a 8 million m<sup>3</sup> dredging is required for the 2,700 m long approach channel and turning basin with a depth of -13 m. Land reclamation is planned for the wharves with a total area of 96 ha.

### **4. Initial Stage Development Plan**

ISP is proposed as a package plan for the first stage of development in Lien Chieu. Maximum size of calling container vessel is considered at about 30,000 DWT in the initial stage. A multi-purpose berth with an alongside depth of -12 m and two conventional cargo berths are proposed for the ISP. Maximum size of calling container vessel is considered at

about 30,000 DWT in the initial stage and the design depth of channel and turning basin is -11 m with a -12 m pocket dredging in front of the multi-purpose berth.

#### 5. Cost Estimates for Lien Chieu Port Development

The costs of implementing the Master Plan are estimated at US\$359 million in which the costs for ISP is US\$158 million.

#### 6. Economic Analysis

The results of the economic analysis indicate that port development projects of each site are viable from the viewpoint of the national economy. Economic Internal Rate of Return of ISP is shown below including sensitivity tests.

	EIRR of ISP	Sensitivity tests <sup>1/</sup>
Lien Chieu:	19.4 % (High growth)	16.3 %
	18.4 % (Low growth)	15.5 %

#### 7. Financial Analysis

Owing to the fairly large investment in breakwater construction and capital dredging in the first stage, financial return of the Lien Chieu port development is not so attractive for the private investment, however, it is in a feasible range for the public sector subject to the procurement of soft loans like ODA. The result of the financial analysis is shown in the table below.

Financial Indicators	High Growth Case	Low Growth Case
FIRR:	5.7 %	5.1 %
Sensitivity tests <sup>1/</sup> :	3.3 %	3.0 %

#### 8. Overall Evaluation of the Project

Maritime transportation borne by the port development will greatly contribute to the development of the central region in terms of foreign currency earnings, job opportunities, trade promotion and industrial development. However, the development of a new port requires a fairly large capital investment in breakwaters and reclamation work in the deep sea area, so that financial feasibility is very critical in connection with construction cost and port revenues. As seen from EIRR, the port development project in Lien Chieu will be economically effective and will have no particular difficulty in technical, environmental aspects. Consequently, the development of Lien Chieu will be feasible only if a soft loan is available due to the fact that FIRR is calculated at 5.1-5.7 % while other financial indicators lie in the preferable range.

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<sup>1/</sup> subject to 10% increase in development costs and 10% decrease in economic benefits

## **1. Introduction**

In accordance with the scope of work agreed upon on September 07, 1996, between the Japan International Cooperation Agency and the Ministry of Transport of Vietnam, the Study Team for the Port Development Plan in the Key Area of the Central Region of Vietnam and has carried out a field survey on social/natural conditions in the project area since February 1997. Based on the on-site studies and analysis, the Study Team prepared the Progress Report in May 1997, the Interim Report in September 1997, the Supplement in November 1997, and the Discussion Paper in January 1998. The study team implemented the study in close collaboration with the Transport Engineering Design Incorporation and in consultation with the Steering Committee comprising members from the Ministry of Planning and Investment, Ministry of Transport, Transport Development Strategy Institute, Vinamarine and other related agencies.

This draft final report has been prepared for JICA and MOT of Vietnam in accordance with the clause F. 4. (Draft Final Report) of the scope of work and will be finalized after receiving comments from the relevant organizations.

### **1.1 Background**

The Vietnamese economy, particularly in the south and north regions, has advanced remarkably in recent years, however the central region lags behind the north and the south and thus advancing this area has a priority of the national government. The central region is also expected to be the gateway to Lao PDR and Northeast Thailand as part of the East-West Transport Corridor Project, which involves the regional countries, international funding agencies, and donor countries.

To encourage the development of the central region and to improve the transport infrastructure for the East-West Transport Corridor, port development projects are proposed in several coastal areas of the central region. In particular, port development in Chan May, Lien Chieu and Dung Quat is of interest to the national government not only for the development of the central region but also for international transit.

Hinterlands of the three planned ports have a total population of about 6,000,000, which is less than 10% of the total of Vietnam, and agriculture is the main industry. To achieve a balanced development of the country, great efforts are being made to develop the central region, in particular to develop the infrastructure in the region, in which roads and ports are expected to trigger economic development of the region. By providing the region

with a maritime transportation means, ports will inspire investors to establish their manufacturing factories, cargo distribution centers and other commercial facilities in the hinterland.

The growth of maritime transportation generally exceeds the growth of national production at the early stage of economic evolution as many countries have experienced a long waiting queue at the beginning of economic booms.

Strategic port development in the central region will therefore play a key role in accelerating the economic development not only in the central region but also southern Laos and Northeast Thailand. Taking into account that the development of a new port requires a large investment and a long period of construction, special attention is required to increase the capacity of ports in advance and to meet the future demand.

## **1.2 Regional Development in Vietnam**

The Vietnamese economy is projected to grow from 9-10% a year until the end of the decade and 10-11% a year from 2000 to 2010. Cargo and passenger transportation will increase accordingly. However, the basic transportation facilities, i.e. roads, railways and ports are undeniably poor in Vietnam and it may discourage foreign investment in the country, particularly, in remote areas from the two core cities, Ho Chi Minh and Hanoi.

Gross Domestic Product per capita in the central region is quite lower than the national average and the gap will increase if proper measures are not taken by the government. Dung Quat Industrial Development Project will launch the first oil refinery in the country which will accelerate economic growth in the region. Danang City, provinces of Thua Thien-Hue, Quang Nam and Quang Ngai also have their own development plans and ports will play a key role in the successful implementation of those projects. In addition, international highway project between Northeast Thailand and Central Vietnam through Lao PDR requires the development of a gateway port for international freight transportation.

The central area has the potential to be the third core of the country if proper development is conducted together with the development of transportation infrastructure. However, poor transport network and facilities are one of the bottlenecks of regional development. Strategic development of the transport system is now a crucial requirement for harmonious growth of the country.

### 1.3 Development of Mekong Region

Greater Mekong Sub-region is comprised of Cambodia, Socialist Republic of Vietnam, Lao People's Democratic Republic, People's Republic of China (Yunnan Province), Myanmar and Thailand. Except for Thailand, the GDP per capita of these countries ranges between US\$200 and US\$300. The development of this region will play a key role in Southeast Asia for the next decade and thus many international aid agencies and donor countries are extending financial and technical assistance.

The sixth conference on Subregional Economic Cooperation<sup>1</sup> held in August 1996 noted the importance of subregional cooperation in the transport sector highlighting the following:

- 1) detailed engineering is ongoing for the Phnom Phen-Ho Chi Minh City section of the Bangkok-Vung Tau Road (R1);
- 2) for the East-West Corridor (Center Option of R2) from Mukdahan/Savannakhet along Route No.9 to Dong Ha and Danang Port, technical assistance is about to be approved;
- 3) civil works for the Champassak Road Improvement Project, including the portion of the road from Pakse, Lao PDR, to the Cambodian border are about to commence;
- 4) three additional road projects

The above mentioned projects, R1 and R2, are nominated as pilot projects to mitigate nonphysical barriers to cross border movements of goods and people. Given that such barriers will be reduced, the central area of Vietnam is expected to serve as a gateway for the East-West Transport Corridor (R2).

A feasibility study on the East-West Transport Corridor Project was carried out in 1996 under ADB's technical assistance scheme to evaluate several existing/planned routes linking Vietnam and Northeast Thailand through Laos. The steering committee, consisting of representatives of the countries and funding agencies, selected the Route No.9 for

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<sup>1</sup> / Greater Mekong Subregion Sixth Conference on Subregional Economic Cooperation, Kunming, Yunnan Province, People's Republic of China, 28-30 August 1996

development at the first stage. The steering committee recently held a meeting in December 1997 to discuss the details of the reconstruction of the Route No.9 in Laos, the construction of the second Thai-Lao Mekong River Bridge, and upgrading of facilities at Tien Sa Port in Danang, Vietnam.

#### **1.4 Objectives of the Study**

This study aims at formulating long-term port development plans for Chan May, Lien Chieu, and Dung Quat and at proposing the initial stage development plan for the three sites, which consists of a package of the port facilities required for the first stage of a new port development. The study also includes the financial analysis and environmental impact assessment for a selected initial stage development plan. The objectives of the Study are:

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In addition to the above mentioned objectives, the aim of a JICA development study is to provide the counterpart organizations with well analyzed information derived from the implementation of the study and to transfer the basic port planning technology through the course of the study to officials of the counterpart organization.

#### **1.5 Implementation of the Study**

The study covers the three development sites, namely, Chan May in Thua Thien-Hue Province, Lien Chieu in Danang City and Dung Quat in Quang Ngai Province. Implementation of the study was divided into the following four phases.



Phase 1 (Fact Finding) : Review of relevant development plans; Observation of offshore waves, on-site winds, and other natural conditions; Collection and analysis of socio-economic statistics; International transportation in Laos and Northeast Thailand; Survey on natural and social environment

Phase 2 (Masterplan): Demand forecast; Formation of long-term development plans; Analysis of data obtained from field surveys; Initial Environmental Examination; Preliminary economic and financial analysis; Seminar on port development

Phase 3 (Survey for ISP and EIA): Review of masterplan; Formation of initial stage development plans; Second survey of natural conditions; Soil investigation; Survey for EIA; Second survey of international transit cargo.

Phase 4 (ISP and Feasibility Analysis): Proposal of ISP, Design of port facilities; Cost estimates; Economic analysis; Financial analysis and EIA study for a selected project; Seminar on the study.

## **1.6 Study Organization**

The study team collaborated with the counterpart team organized by TEDI and TDSI. A steering committee was established by the MPI, MOT and other related organizations to direct and coordinate the study. Members of the steering committee, counterpart team and JICA study team are listed below:

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## 2. Overview of the Project Area

### 2.1 Socio-economic Conditions

#### 2.1.1 Geography

Lien Chieu is a district in Danang City, which was separated from Quangnam - Danang province in December 1996. Geographical location is Lat. 15° 55' 20'' to the north and Long. 107° 18' 30'' to the east. Danang borders Thua Thien - Hue province in the north, Quangnam province in the south, the Truong Son mountain and Lao PDR in the west, and the Eastern Sea in the east. Danang's total land area of 942 km<sup>2</sup> is divided into 5 districts: Hai Chau, Thanh Khe, Son Tra, Ngu Hanh Son, Lien Chieu. There are also two islands and suburban districts; Hoa Vang and Hoang Sa, which include over 30 islands with a land area of about 10 km<sup>2</sup> over the approximately 15,000 km<sup>2</sup> water surface of the sea.

Danang possesses a variety of geographical features: mountains and forests, rivers and sea, plains and islands. Accompanied with these diversified geographical features are the raw materials found in its vicinity. These variable features enable Danang to diversify its industry, which will be mentioned later in other sections.

#### 2.1.2 Population and Labor Force

##### (1) Population

As of January 1<sup>st</sup>, 1996, Danang City and Quangnam province had an estimated population of 2,009,587. The population trends in the central region is shown in Table 2.1.2.(1)

Area	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995
Nghe An	2,496.4	2,561.8	2,620.9	2,679.9	2,743.4	2,787.1
Ha Tinh	1,203.4	1,234.9	1,265.8	1,280.5	1,308.8	1,327.1
Quang Binh	679.7	698.2	718.0	738.3	762.3	778.2
Quang Tri	478.8	492.0	507.4	521.7	535.0	544.1
Thua Thien - Hue	903.0	920.9	950.4	972.6	995.4	1,012.5
Danang and Quangnam	1,793.4	1,835.7	1,873.5	1,914.9	1,952.7	1,984.0
Quang Ngai	1,072.0	1,094.4	1,122.5	1,150.6	1,178.8	1,197.3
Binh Dinh	1,269.7	1,303.7	1,339.6	1,373.8	1,407.0	1,432.1

Source: Impetus and Present Situation of Vietnam Society and Economy after Ten Years of Doi Moi (General Statistical Office)

## (2) Labor Force

In Danang City and Quangnam province, the labor force of one million is distributed to agriculture (62%), construction industry (10%) and trade services (15%). The total labor force is 218,000 in Danang City. Population with higher educational background is rather larger. 76.5% of the workers have completed secondary schools. Table 2.1.2.(2) shows the population and labor force in 1995.

**Table 2.1.2.(2) Population and Labor Force in 1995**

Area	Population	Labor (thous. persons)			
		Total	Agriculture & Forestry	Construction Industry	Services
Thua Thien - Hue	1,003.0	406.6	271.5	49.5	85.6
Danang & Quangnam	1,984.0	933.6	669.3	105.2	159.1
Quang Ngai	1,184.0	551.1	443.2	35.2	72.7

Source: General Statistical Office

## 2.1.3 Climate

Danang City has a tropical monsoon climate with 2 distinct seasons: the rainy and dry seasons. The annual average temperature is 25°C. The minimum temperature is 22°C while the maximum is 29°C. The annual average rainfall is from 2500 to 3000 mm, mainly falling from September to December. The annual average humidity is 82%. Temperature, rainfall, and humidity of Danang City are shown in Table 2.1.3.

**Table 2.1.3 Monthly Climate of Danang City in 1995**

Month	Temp. (c)	Humidity (%)	Rainfall (mm)
January	19.9	89	47.0
February	19.3	92	91.0
March	22.2	91	47.0
April	26.3	85	7.0
May	27.7	81	74.0
June	29.4	77	102.0
July	28.7	77	66.0
August	28.1	80	229.0
September	26.5	87	417.0
October	25.7	89	1007.0
November	21.6	92	763.0
December	19.9	92	324.0
Total			3174.0

Source: Hydro-Meteorological Date Center

## 2.1.4 Land Use

The total land area in Danang City is 942 km<sup>2</sup> (94,200 ha) of which the agricultural land is 12,954 ha (13%) and the forest land is 64,321 ha (69%). Its forests provide valuable raw materials, such as cinnamon, pharmaceutical materials, rattan, and bamboo as well as timber. Structure of land use of the whole country and the study area is shown in Table 2.1.4. In the study area, agricultural land is less than average of the whole country as most of the territory is mountainous and hilly. (Danang City belongs to the south central coast.)

**Table 2.1.4 Structure of Land Use in 1994**

	Unit: %							
	Whole country	North mount. and midland	Red river delta	North central coast	South central coast	Central highland	North east south	Mekong river delta
Total area	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
Agricultural land	22.2	11.7	56.6	13.1	12.0	11.2	40.9	67.1
Forestry land	30.0	19.8	4.4	36.8	41.1	58.1	21.8	7.7
Special use land	3.4	2.2	14.9	3.2	3.2	1.6	6	4.2
Residential land	2.2	1.9	6.9	1.3	1.2	0.9	3.7	4.2
Waste land	42.2	64.5	17.2	45.5	42.4	28.1	27.1	16.9

Source: Statistical Yearbook 1995 (General Statistical Office)

## 2.1.5 Gross Domestic Product

The largest contributor to Danang's GDP is the commerce, tourism and service sector (60%). Followed by the industry sector (30%) and the agricultural, forestry and fisheries sector (8%). The GDP per capita in each province of the study area is lower than the average of the whole country as indicated in Table 2.1.5.

**Table 2.1.5 GDP and GDP per capita in 1994**

Area	GDP (million USD)	GDP per capita (USD)
Whole country	2 1,0 2 1.0	2 8 8 .0
Thua Thien-Hue	2 5 3.0	2 5 2 .2
Danang and Quangnam	4 8 8.2	2 4 6 .1
Quang Ngai	1 7 6.2	1 4 8 .8

Source: Port Traffic Demand Survey for Master Plan Study on Coastal Shipping Rehabilitation and Development Project in Vietnam (JICA-TESI).

## **2.1.6 Industries**

### **(1) Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries**

During the recent 20 years, the agricultural output has increased from 146,700 tons to 480,000 tons. The per capita index for food increased from 140 kg to 246 kg. The buffalo heads increased to 51,900 from the previous 16,800 while that of cows reached 197,000 compared to the previous 75,000. The head of pigs increased from 181,500 to 506,000. The average productivity of rice increased from 1,710 kg/ha to 3,240 kg/ha.

Eucalyptus, bamboo, rattan, and cinnamon are the specialties of Danang. They are grown and processed at Danang. Eucalyptus become chips, bamboo and rattan become furniture. High quality cinnamon is produced annually 300 tons, which some are exported. Table A.2.1.6. shows the acreage and production of major industrial crops in Danang City and Quangnam province .

Danang City has a 30 km sea coastline. Besides the oil in the continental shelf, there are different kinds of sea foods with high economical value such as lobster, squid and seaweed.

### **(3) Industry**

There are 141 establishments of mechanized and hand-crafted industries in which there are 13 units under the Central Government, 15 units under the City Industry Department, 49 mechanized and hand-crafted cooperatives and 49 private enterprises. Besides, there are 4,000 hand-crafted households operating. The production value of manufacturing industry and small enterprises in 1996 occupied 31.5% of the city's GDP. The local government is in the process of transforming the state-owned enterprises into joint stock companies to mobilize capital and attract foreign investment.

### **(4) Tourism**

In the master-plan for tourist development of the country, the regions of Danang, Hue and Quangnam have been identified as one of the three core tourist areas of Vietnam. Famous tourist destination are Marble Mountains, the Hai Van pass, Son Tra peninsula and Ba Na resort area. Danang is also famous for beautiful beaches, such as Nam O, Xuan Thieu (Red beach), Bac My An, My Khe, Thanh Binh and Non Nuoc. Danang City will become a focal point for tourists visiting surrounding area. Danang attracted over 310,000 tourists, of whom 67,000 (22%) were foreign tourists in 1996.

### **2.1.7 Trade**

In the city, about 120 units participate in direct export and import to more than 20 countries. Besides local units, there are business units from the central level and foreign investment joint venture companies. Main export items are frozen, dry and fresh sea products and coffee, eucalyptus chips, rattan furniture, wooden products, silk, silk products, towels, leather and sport shoes. Also many kinds of garments such as jackets, sports clothes, covers for blankets and pillows, embroidered products, fine arts and lacquer products are exported. The main products that are imported are fertilizer, oil and gas, construction materials, equipment, technology, motorbike spare parts and so forth.

## 2.2 Lao PDR and Northeast Thailand

### 2.2.1 Lao PDR

Five provinces of the south region in Lao PDR, namely Savannakhet, Champasack, Saravane, Attapeu and Sekhong, are recognized as the hinterland of central Vietnamese ports. As shown in Table 2.2.1(1), the population of this area represents 34.5% of the whole country; it accounts for 28% of the country's land area; and 29.2% of the nation's industrial establishments are found here.

**Table 2.2.1(1) Economic activities of Lao PDR**

	LAO PDR	South Region of Lao PDR
Area(1995) *1	236,800 sq.km	65,865 sq.km(28%)
Road	18,363 km	
Tarred road	2,446 km	
Graveled road	5,138 km	
Earthen road	10,779 km	
Population(Year 1995) *2	4,581,258	1,580,143 (34.5%)
Savannakhet		671,581
Champasack		500,994
Saravane		256,550
Attapeu		87,182
Sekhong		63,836
GDP(1990 constant) *1		
Year 1994	780,657 Mill.Kip	n.a.
Year 1995	835,519 Mill.Kip	
GDP per Capita (1990 constant)		n.a.
Year 1994	170,000 Kip(240US\$)	
Year 1995	182,000 Kip(256US\$)	
	1US\$=708.6Kip	
No. of industry-Handicraft Establishments(1995) *1	10,826	3,157(29.2%)
Savannakhet		1,285
Champasack		945
Saravane		633
Attapeu		135
Sekhong		159

Source: \*1-Basic Statistics about the socio-economic development in the Lao PDR – National Statistics Center

\*2-NSC, Committee for planning and Cooperation(20 years Agricultural Statistics)

Others- JICA Study Team, August 1997



**Table 2.2.1(2) Major Products in Lao PDR**

Product	unit	1994	1995
Rice	Th.tons	1,577.0	1,417.8
Coffee	Th.tons	9.0	8.6
Gypsum	Th.tons	130.0	124.0
Timber	Th.tons	595.0	819.7
Lumber	Th.tons	271.0	288.9
Plywood	Th.tons	1,870.4	2,069.4
Clothing	Th.pieces	12,183.3	20,460.0
Electric Power	Mill. Kwh	1,197.0	1,085.0

Source: Basic Statistics about the socio-economic development in the Lao PDR  
-National Statistics Center

**Table 2.2.1(3) Population in 1995 by hinterland**

Province	Share by hinterland ( R-9 : R-16/18)	R-9	R-16/18
		Savannakhet Area	Pakse Area
Savannakhet	100 : 0	671,581	0
Saravane	50 : 50	128,275	128,275
Sekhong	50 : 50	31,918	31,918
Champasack	0 : 100	0	500,994
Attapeu	0 : 100	0	87,182
<b>Total</b>		<b>831,774</b>	<b>748,369</b>

Source: NSC, Committee for planning and Cooperation

## 2.2.2 Northeast Thailand

Northeast Region of Thailand includes 19 provinces, namely Nakhon Ratchasima, Buri Ram, Chaiyaphum, Surin, Ubon Ratchathani, Si Sa Ket, Amnat Charoen, Yasothon, Khon Kaen, Kalasin, Maha Sarakham, Roi Et, Udon Thani, Nong Bua Lam Phu, Loei, Nong Khai, Sakon Nakhon, Nakhon Phanom and Mukdahan. Table 2.2.2(1) shows socio-economic data of Thailand and Northeast Region. But the Northeast Region is spread over a wide area and the western part of the region is closer to Bangkok than Vietnamese ports; for example, Nakhon Ratchasima is 259 km away from Bangkok and 383 km away from Mukdahan. The hinterland of the Vietnamese ports is deemed as shown in Table 2.2.2(3) and Figure A 2.2.2. This area is slightly east of the line that connects Sakon Nakhon and Yasothon and is estimated to be 65 km away from Mukdahan and 80 km away from Ubon-Ratchathani.

**Table 2.2.2(1) Economic activities of Thailand**

	Thailand	Northeast Region
Area(1995) *1	513,115 sq.km	168,854 sq.km(33%)
Highway(1994) *1 Incl. Graveled road	50,155 km	14,906 km (30%)
Population		
Year 1990*2	56,303,273	19,828,941 (35.2%)
Year 1994*2	59,095,419	20,542,381 (34.8%)
Year 1995*5&*2	59,401,000	20,663,191 (34.8%)
GDP (1988 constant)	(Billion Baht)	(Billion Baht)
Year 1990*2	1,953	226 (11.6%)
Year 1994*2	2,688	294 (10.9%)
Year 1995*5	2,921	319 (10.9%)
GDP per Capita (1988 constant)	(Baht)	(Baht)
Year 1990	34,700	11,400
Year 1994	45,500	14,300
Year 1995	49,200	15,400
Trade with Vietnam *1	Year 1994 (1,000Baht)	
Import Total	985,271	
Wood	300,000 *4	n.a.
Leathers	134,000 *4	
Scrap	102,000 *4	
Export Total	6,347,530	
Maize	28,107	
Sugar	579,883	
Gypsum	28,398	
Motorcycles	623,000 *4	
	( Motorcycles 2,530,000 in 1995 ) *4	
Trade with Lao PDR	Year 1994 (1,000 Baht) *1	(1,000 Baht) *3
Import Total	1,738,063	via Ubon Ratchathani
Wood	1,490,000 *4	Year Import Export
Wood Prod.	88,000 *4	1994 552,495 362,622
Scrap	39,000 *4	1995 412,625 514,734
Export Total	7,291,667	1996 512,897 544,071
Motorcycle	1,236,000 *4	Transit Cargo
Woven Fabrics	267,000 *4	Year Lao->3rd 3rd->Lao
Chemical Prd.	167,000 *4	1994 150,800 460,853
Glutinous	103,689	1995 482,824 1,337,239
Maize	1,734	1996 403,028 769,020
		via Mukdahan
		Year Import Export
		1994 248,540 1,619,560
		1995 280,960 1,785,390
		1996 239,100 1,769,360
		Transit Cargo
		Year Lao->3rd 3rd->Lao
		1996 44,910 1,726,310
Trade with Japan	Year 1994 (,000 Baht) *1	via Mukdahan Custom Office *3
Import Total	413,321,079	('95.10-'96.9)
Plastic	18,824,093	Export 8,668 (564ton)
Iron	17,165,898	Import 38,755 (2,524ton)
Parts(data process)	8,642,381	
Export Total	194,199,911	
Prawn	18,502,698	
Natural rubber	12,861,653	
Rice	6,283,969	
Chilled Cuttlefish, squids	5,067,941	
Cassava, tapioca	2,215,280	

Source: \*1-Statistical Yearbook Thailand, Number 42, 1995-National Statistical Office

\*2-Economic Indicators 1995-National Statistical Office

\*3-Statistical Reports of Region - Northeastern Region 1995

\*4-Trade Between Thailand -Indochina 1993-1995 - Department of Foreign Trade,  
Ministry of Commerce

\*5-World Development Indicators 1997, World Bank  
Others- JICA Study Team, August 1997

**Table 2.2.2(2) Major Products in Thailand**

Product	Unit	1992	1993
Rice	Th.tons	20,184	19,440
Tapioca	Th.tons	19,767	19,487
Rubber	Th.tons	1,500	1,580
Lime Stone	Th.tons	7,111	7,455
Sugar	Th.tons	4,857	3,650
Beer	Th.liters	325	415
Steel Bar	Th.tons	975	1,135
Cement	Th.tons	21,711	26,300
Passenger car	Th.pieces	100	144
Pick up	Th.pieces	224	276
Motor bike	Th.pieces	863	1,118

Source : Quarterly Bulletin - Bank of Thailand

**Table 2.2.2(3) Population in 1994 by hinterland**

Province	Share by hinterland ( R-9 : R-16/18)	R-9 Mukdahan Area	R-16/18 Ubon-Ratchathani Area
Mukdahan	100 : 0	312,202	0
Nakhon Phanom	100 : 0	682,627	0
Sakon Nakhon	100 : 0	1,048,901	0
Kalasin	50 : 0	477,563	0
Roi Et	25 : 25	320,737	320,734
Yasothon	50 : 50	268,885	268,885
Amnat Charoen	50 : 50	175,265	175,265
Ubon Ratchathani	0 : 100	0	1,679,867
Si Sa Ket	0 : 100	0	1,384,958
Total(1994)		3,286,179	3,829,712
Total(1995)*		3,303,172	3,849,515

Source : Statistical Reports of Region - Northeastern Region 1995

\* JICA Study Team

### 2.2.3 Greater Mekong Sub-regional Development

#### (1) Trade Flow

Trade within East Indochina has increased annually but trading volume is still small. In case of Lao total trade volume is small, but trade within East Indochina represents a large portion. Thailand has the same scale of trade with Vietnam as Lao. But Vietnam has a small scale of trade with Lao compared to Thailand.

The traffic data at Lao Bao, Lao-Vietnam border, indicates that the volume of

border trade and border traffic has decreased since 1991 and remains at a stable level from 1993 (refer to Table 2.2.3).

**Table 2.2.3 Border Trade at Lao Bao**

Year	No. of Vehicle	Export-Import(ton)	Transit(ton)	Passenger
1991	55,000 *1	272,000 :*1	24,000 *1	117,000 *1
1992	38,000	165,000	19,000 *1	97,000
1993	27,000	158,000	10,000 *1	40,000
1994	28,000	162,000	n.a.	53,000
1995	32,000	163,000	n.a.	52,000
1996	29,000	134,000	n.a.	50,000

- Note:
- 1.Number of foreigner in number of Passenger is estimated at 3,000-5,000 and is increasing annually.
  - 2.Main direction of cargo flow is going to Vietnam from Thailand.
  - 3.Major commodities imported from Thailand are textile, garment, motorbike and electric household appliances.
  - 4.Major commodity imported from Lao is gypsum.
  - 5.Major commodities exported to Lao are wood, livestock, handicraft, cement, construction material.

Source :\*1-TDSI, the Government of Vietnam  
Others-Interview to People's Committee of Quang Tri Province

## (2) Future Development

The Road Route 9, Savannakhet - Dong Ha, is a major corridor for current freight transportation between Lao PDR and Vietnam. Major commodities traded are electric products from Thailand, daily goods from China, gypsum from Lao, oil products from Vietnam and so on. Before the political reform of the USSR, cargoes from the eastern countries to Lao via Danang were considerably larger than these days. Cargo traffic flows in East Indochina are shown in Figure 2.2.3. Since AFTA will be authorized in Indochina in the near future, not only the trading volume within Indochina but also the trading route with other economies will change gradually. Four routes shall be examined carefully, in connection with cargo movement via ports in central Vietnam. The volume on Route No. 2 is small at this moment. Although cargoes generated from and consumed in Lao can choose the Vietnamese route or the Thailand route, many customers favor the Thai route because of the good road conditions, frequent services of shipping lines and because of the poor services in Vietnamese ports.

When future traffic is projected in East Indochina, not only road distances but also average running speed, necessary hours to clear the customs and actual transport cost shall be considered. Present major products are listed in Figure 2.2.3 and future major trading commodities will be examined in due course.

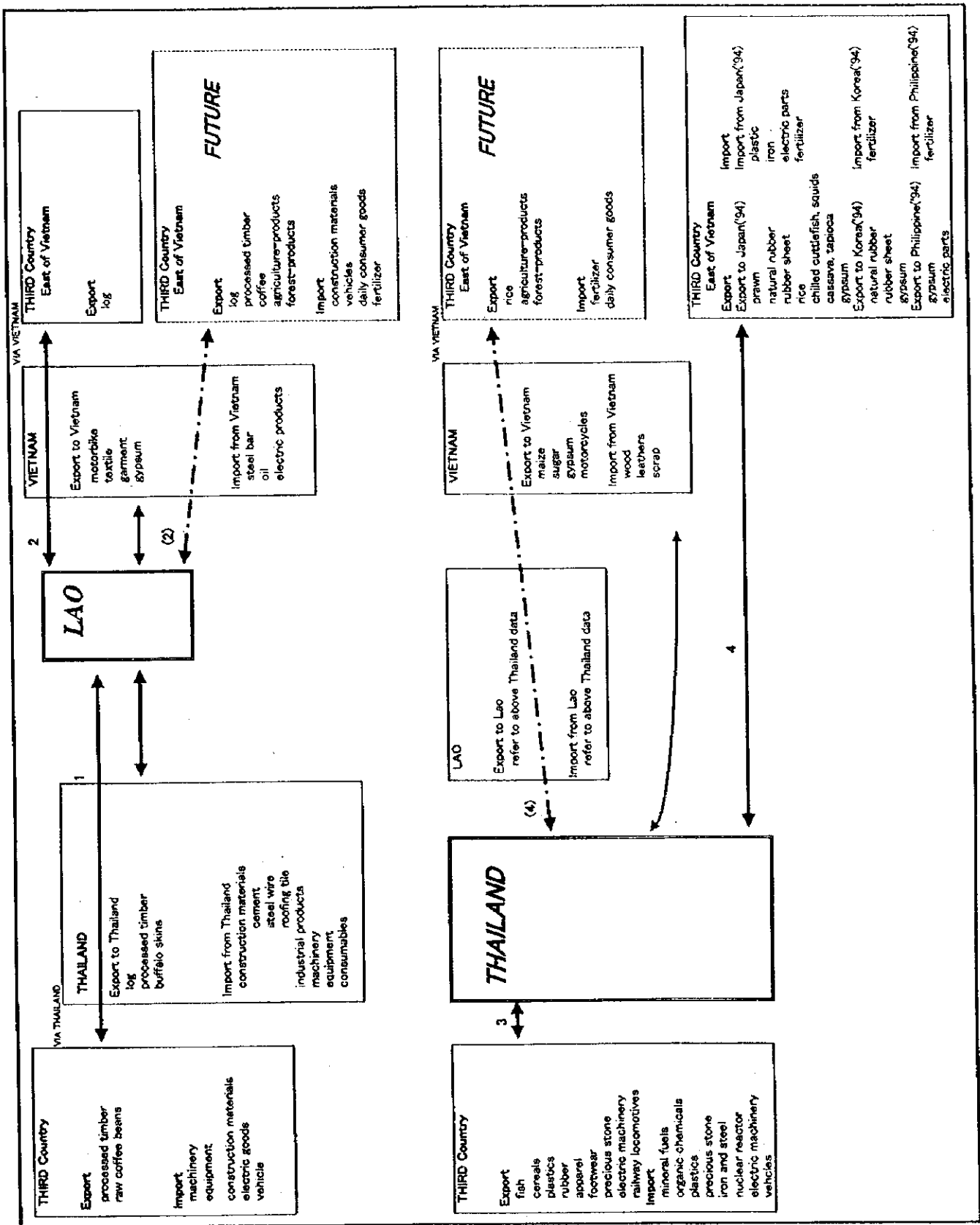


Figure 2.2.3 Trade Flow in Indochina

## 2.3 Transportation

### 2.3.1 General

Recently, Vietnamese transport volume has shown an increasing trend corresponding to developments of economy and population. In 1994 freight volume per capita exceeded 1 ton. But passenger transport per capita and passenger traffic transport per capita have not changed since 1980.

**Table 2.3.1 Transport volume per capita**

	Population	Freight (tons/person)	Freight traffic (tons-km/person)	Passenger (times/person)	Passenger Traffic (km/person)
1980	53,630,000*	0.79	183	8.3	257
1985	59,872,000	0.90	212	6.3	225
1990	66,233,000	0.81	189	4.9	179
1994	72,510,000	1.05	278	7.7	231
1995*	73,959,000	1.12	295	8.1	249

Note: \* means estimated by the Study Team

Source: Statistical Yearbook 1995 - General Statistical Office

Comparing transport capacities in 1985, 1990 and 1994, railway capacity has not increased but freight transport capacities of trucks and vessels have shown an increasing trend; in particular, the capacity of shipping has increased dramatically.

Domestic cargo has occupied more than 95% of the total freight in Vietnam from the year 1980. In recent years foreign freight traffic has increased in Vietnam and kept a share of 50% of Vietnamese freight traffic in 1995. But average transport distance by foreign freight has not increased.

Land transport is recognized as a major means of freight transportation in Vietnam. Percent shares of freight volume by mode in 1995 are estimated at 5%, 65%, 23% and 7% by rail, land, waterway and sea borne respectively. Sea borne transport is a major mode on a ton-km basis of freight traffic.

Distribution of transport volume of local freight by region is shown in Table A 2.3.8. Red river delta, Eastern south and Mckong river delta are 3 heavy traffic areas in Vietnam. The freight volume of the North Coastal Region including Hue has doubled since

1985 and local freight volume by sea borne transport of this Region has a share of 30% of the total.

### 2.3.2 Road

#### (1) General

The total length of road network is estimated at 106,000 km as of January 1<sup>st</sup>, 1996 in all Vietnam. There are five classifications of roads as follows;

National road	13,633 km
Provincial road	17,205 km
District & village road	66,500 km
Urban road	3,211 km
<u>Special road</u>	<u>5,451 km</u>
Total	106,000 km

(Source: Transport Development and Strategy Institute)

#### (2) Road Development Projects

Based on interviews with MOT, on-site visits, and information from relevant sources, the Study Team identified the following road development projects in central Vietnam.

##### 1) Highway R-1 (Mucnamquan-Hanoi-Hochiminh City-Namcan, 2,289 km)

Highway R-1 is the main trunk road of the country with a total length of 2,289 km. The whole line shall be rehabilitated and upgraded up to the year 2000. Also, several big bridges along Highway R-1 will be constructed up to the year 2005.

The improvement project of Route 1 funded by ADB from Hanoi to Vinh commenced in 1996. From Vinh to Dong Ha, bidding for the project has been completed.

##### 2) Highway R-14 and R-14B (HCMC-Dakrong, 1069 km)

Highway R-14 is an important highway for central Vietnam, running through the central highland. R-14B connects the central highland with Danang port.

##### 3) R-9 with the East-West Transport Corridor (Laobao-Donghoi, 83 km)

R-9 plays an important role within the subregional economic cooperation schema

for East-West Transport project. This improvement project ensures smooth traffic even during the rainy season.

The road is designed to have a width of 12 meters of which the pavement is 7 meter in the section from Cua Viet to 41 kilometers point and to have a width of 9 kilometers of which the pavement is 5 meters in the section from 41 kilometers point to Laobao. Construction commenced on February 26, 1996 with government funds of US\$ 10 million.

#### 4) Haivan Tunnel

Haivan Tunnel is one of the big obstacles in transport from North to South. The Haivan tunnel project is given high priority because many people have died in traffic accidents caused by falling rocks.

#### 5) North South Highway

North South Highway will run along the western longitudinal axis and will be the second trans-Vietnam Highway, with Route 1 being the first. It will pass through 14 provinces from Ha Tay to Binh Duong. Major purpose of the highway is to support the potential development of mineral extraction in the north and agriculture in the central mountains.

### (3) Improvement in the Road Traffic

To date, city roads are mainly used by motorbikes and bicycles. Rural roads are multi-functionally used not only for the traffic of motor cars, motorbikes, bicycles and pedestrian, but also for agricultural works and playground, within a maximum width of 12m. Education on traffic rules will be important for upgrading the road traffic.

#### (4) Distance Table between Major Cities and Ports

Distances between major points in hinterland of the ports in central Vietnam are listed in the following Table 2.3.2 based on distance map in Figure 2.3.2.



**Table 2.3.2 Distance Table between Major Cities and Ports**

Origin	Port	Chan May	Lien Chieu	Dung Quat	Bangkok
Savannakhet(R-9)		<b>449</b>	<b>479</b>	<b>614</b>	<b>665</b>
Pakse (R-16)		<i>407</i>	<i>377</i>	<i>482</i>	<i>765</i>
Pakse (R-18)		<b>545</b>	<b>515</b>	<b>557</b>	<b>765</b>
Mukdahan(R-9)		<b>469</b>	<b>499</b>	<b>634</b>	<b>645</b>
Ubon Ratchathani (R-16)		<i>542</i>	<i>512</i>	<i>617</i>	<i>630</i>
Ubon Ratchathani (R-18)		<b>680</b>	<b>650</b>	<b>692</b>	<b>630</b>

Note : Distance through existing route is expressed in bold figures while distance through planning route is in italics.

### 2.3.3 Railway

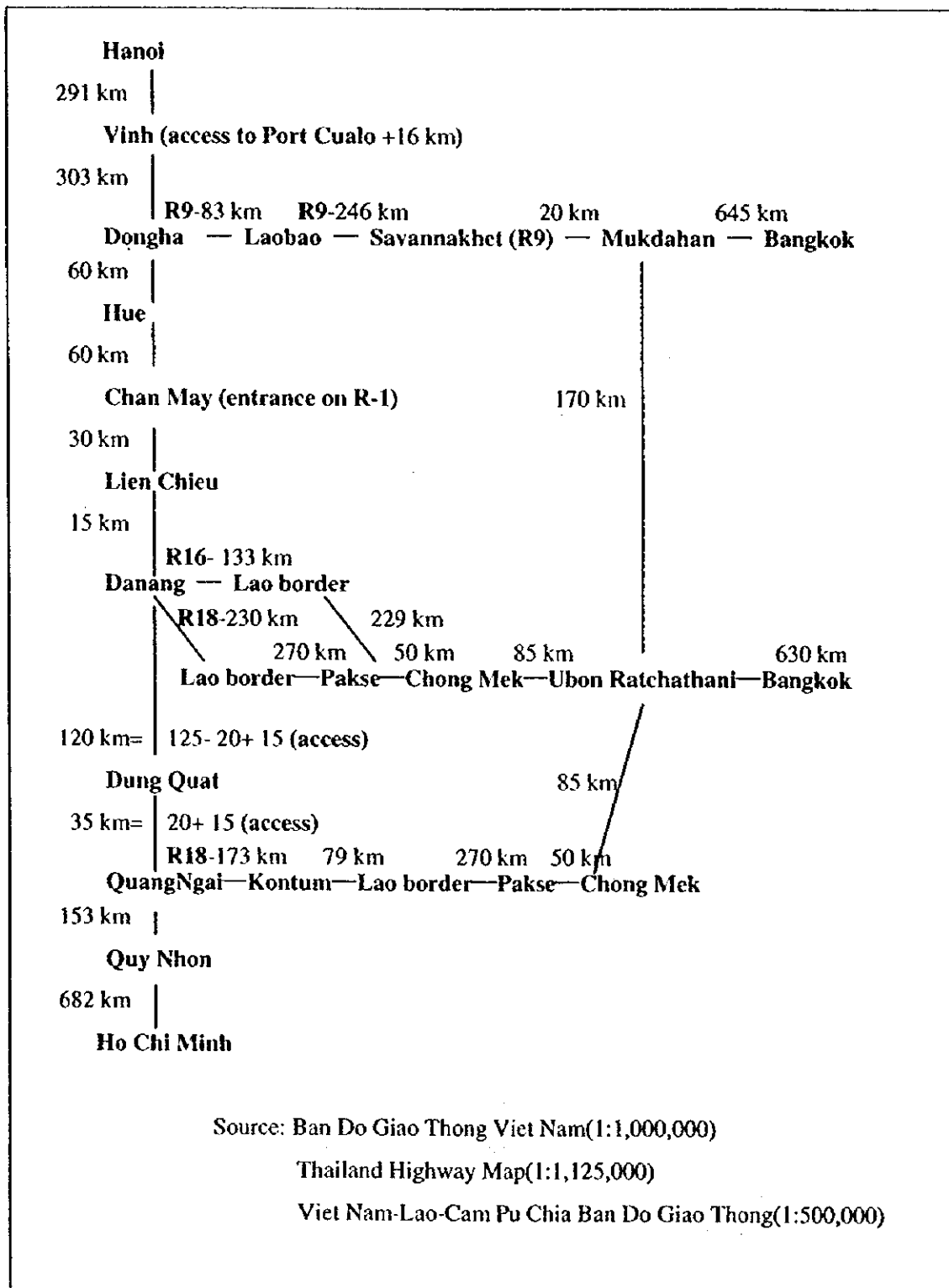
Two types of gauges exist in Vietnam. The standard gauge is 1 meter, and a wider gauge of 1.435 meters was introduced for heavy wagons to support mining and heavy industries in 1960s. The rail network consists of six lines in operation.

**Table 2.3.3 List of railway in Vietnam**

No.	Lines	Length (km)	Gauge (m)
1.	Hanoi – HCMC	1,730	1.00
2.	Hanoi – Haiphong	102	1.00
3.	Hanoi – Laocai	283	1.00
4.	Hanoi – Langson	148	1.00+1.435 (3 rails)
5.	Hanoi – Thainguyen	75	1.00+1.435 (3 rails)
6.	Thainguyen – Baichay	166	1.435
	<b>Total</b>	<b>2,504</b>	

Source: National Transportation Sector Review 1992 - MOT and UNDP

The number of locomotives has slightly decreased since 1985, and the number of freight train services per day between Hanoi and HCMC is estimated at 6 and total passenger capacity is 930 seats. It is deemed that railway transportation capacity shall be expanded to meet the increasing demand for cargo transportation.



**Figure 2.3.2(1) Road Distance between Major Points**

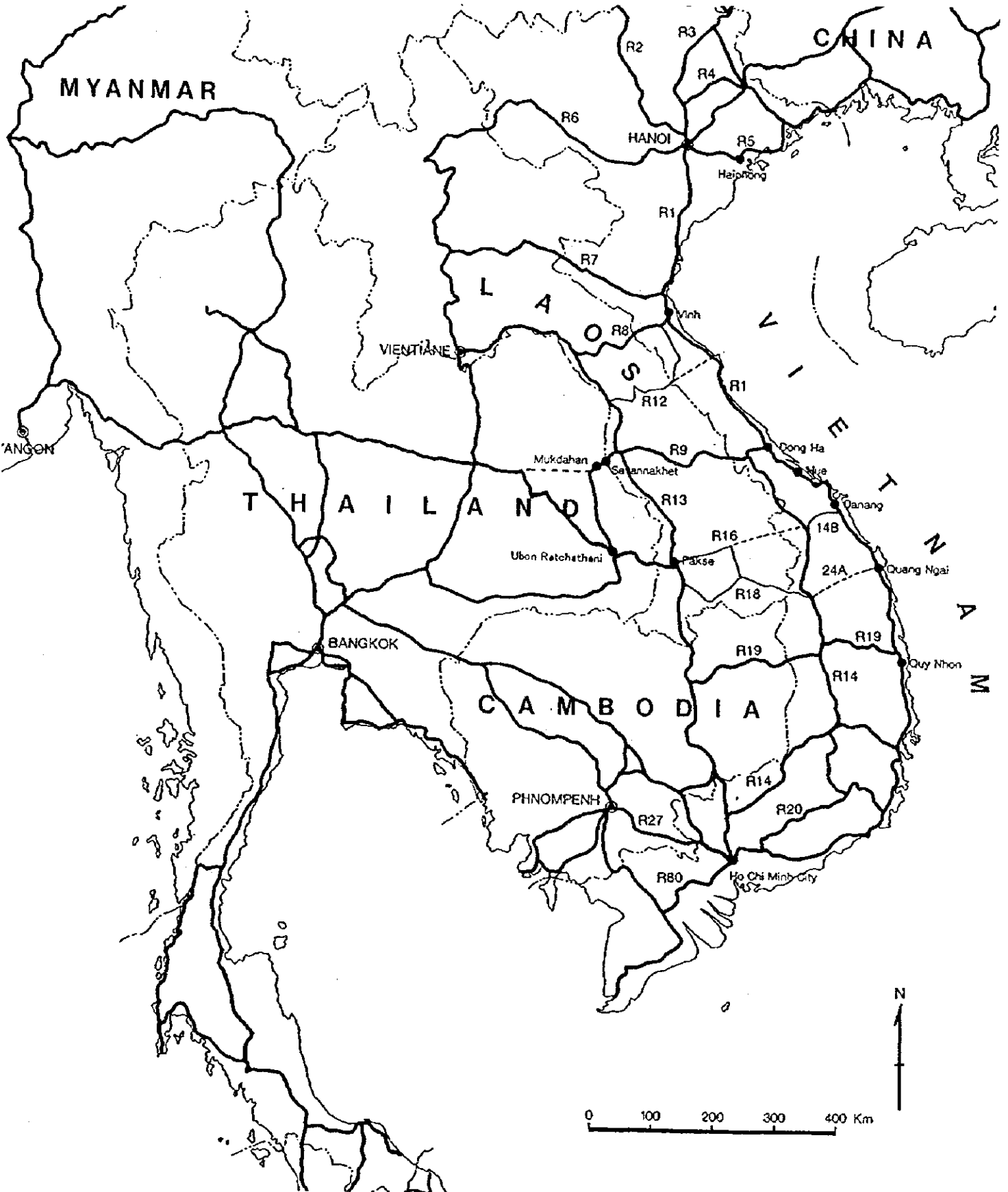


Figure 2.3.2(2) Road Network in Greater Mekong Subregion

### 2.3.4 Airport

Of 16 airports in the country, only 4 have international passenger and freight handling capability. They are:

- Hanoi / Noibai
- Hochiminh City / Tansonnhat
- Danang (transfer at HCMC or Hanoi)
- Haiphong (transfer at HCMC)

The other 12 airports offer domestic service. They are:

- |            |              |               |
|------------|--------------|---------------|
| - Nhatrang | - Banmethuot | - Phuquoc     |
| - Hue      | - Rachgia    | - Dienbienphu |
| - Nasan    | - Pleiku     | - Quynhon     |
| - Dalat    | - Vinh       | - Tuyhoa      |

There are two operating airports in the study area: Danang airport and Hue airport. Danang airport possesses two 3048 m long runways. Airbus 320, Tu-134 and ATR-72 are the major aircraft in the airport. The airport is located a few kilometers from the center of Danang. The airport area is 840 ha. Hue airport is located between Hue and Danang and around 15 km from the center of Hue. Fokker 70 and ATR-72 are using the airport. Two flights are available per day to Hanoi and Ho Chi Minh City respectively.

Chu Lai airport is located near Dung Quat industrial zone. The airport was formerly a military air base but is out of use at the moment.

### 2.3.5 Shipping (Coastal & International)

There were 674 ships registered under the Vietnamese flag during 1994-1995 of which 463 were general cargo, refrigerated or oil tanker vessels mainly used for commercial transport and the balance are mainly tugs, unpropelled barges and fishing boats. These 463 merchant vessels were owned by 175 organizations as shown in the following Table.

**Table 2.3.5(1) Shipping Fleet by Type of Ownership**

No	Service Type	Owner Type	No. of Owners	Total DWT	Average DWT
1.	Ocean-going	State owned	67	445,295	2,319
		Joint venture	12	278,216	12,646
		Foreign	2	4,792	2,396
		Sub-Total (1)	81	728,303	3,372
2.	Coastal shipping	Local	60	141,678	864
		Government	6	3,480	193
		Co-operative			
		Private	28	29,582	455
		Sub-Total(2)	94	174,740	707
		Grand Total	175	903,043	1,950

Source: Master Plan Study on Coastal Shipping Rehabilitation and Development Project - JICA, 1997

Major shipping companies in Vietnam are state-owned or joint venture shipping operators, namely VOSCO, VITRANSCHART and VINASHIP. They are members of VINALINES (Vietnam National Shipping Lines). Many provincial shipping companies have been established by several provincial organizations. SAIGON SHIPPING and DAMATCOSCO are major provincial shipping companies which operate general cargo vessels over 2,000 DWT. Profiles of above companies are shown in the following table.

Total cargo handling volume at major ports was 11,863,600 tons which consisted of exports of 3,903,100 tons, imports of 5,864,500 tons and domestic cargoes of 1,996,800 tons. Major commodities of handled cargoes were expected to be rice, fertilizer, machinery and cement. Details of commodity are shown in Table 2.3.5(3).

**Table 2.3.5(2) Outline of Major Shipping Companies**

Name	Head Office	No. of Employee	No. of Vessels	DWT
VOSCO	Haiphong	2,000	20	209,098
VITRANSCHART	HCMC	1,250	9	87,315
VINASHIP	Haiphong	980	5	30,668
SAIGON SHIPPING	HCMC	580	6	12,634
DAMATCOSCO	Danang	220	5	6,105

Source: Master Plan Study on Coastal Shipping Rehabilitation and Development Project - JICA 1997

**Table 2.3.5(3) Freight volume at major sea ports by major commodity**

(unit : 000 tons)

	1990	1992	1994
Total	8,283.0	9,036.8	11,863.6
Export	3,374.3	3,868.9	3,903.1
Coal	157.6	618.9	10.0
Rice	1,359.8	1,699.4	1,703.7
Agro prod.	171.2	188.7	-
Rubber	53.4	3.6	-
Timber	598.8	498.9	161.6
Other	-	-	2,027.7
Import	3,106.7	3,043.9	5,864.5
Fertilizer	1,140.5	1,275.6	1,361.7
Machinery	216.2	55.7	506.6
Metal	401.2	269.1	-
Food	207.2	268.2	-
Pyrite ore	81.6	58.5	-
Chemical	62.4	66.1	107.5
Others	-	-	3,652.1
Domestic	1,802.0	2,124.0	1,996.8
Coal	156.7	202.4	-
Cement	902.8	937.8	-
Food	254.3	433.5	-
Plaster	41.4	23.8	-

Note: Major sea ports include Haiphong, Saigon, Danang, Quangninh, Quynhon, Nhatrang, Nghetinh and Cantho

Source: Table 9.12 - Statistical Yearbook 1995 - General Statistical Office

### **3. Ports**

#### **3.1 Danang Port**

##### **3.1.1 Location**

Danang Port, located in the middle part of the country, has an important position as the third largest seaport of Vietnam. Danang Port is also a very convenient port of Central Vietnam and the Western Highlands as well as Southern and North Eastern Thailand. Also, National Highways 1A and 14B, the International Airport and the North South railway network, are all very near the cultural, commercial and industrial center of Danang.

This port is comprised of two distinct parts: one is in Tien Sa district facing Danang Bay and the other is in Song Han district facing the Han River which is flowing into the bay.

##### **3.1.2 Port Facility**

Tien Sa Port has two piers, each of 186m long, 27.3~29.3m wide, and water depth is -11m, consisting of four berths for 30,000 DWT ships at maximum. A third pier 165m long and water depth -12m is now being under construction for container ships near existing two piers. The total area is 18.3ha, of which the yard occupies 90,000m<sup>2</sup> and 3 warehouses of 15,945m<sup>2</sup>.

Song Han Port, extending along the left bank of the Han river, has a length of 750m with 8 berths of -6 to -7m depth for 5000DWT ships at maximum. The Port occupies an area of 3.4ha where open storage yard of 8,000m<sup>2</sup> and 3 warehouses of 8,225m<sup>2</sup> are being used for cargo handling and storing. The major facilities of each port are summarized in Table 3.1.1

Jetty piers in Tien Sa Port were originally constructed in 1965 to 1966 by the US navy. After the completion of these piers, the first repairing works were done in 1975~1976 and the second were carried out in 1980~1985, then the third, in 1993~1997. Presently No.1 pier is 186m long and 27.3~29.3 m wide. No.2 pier is also 186m long and 27.4m~29.4m wide. Crown height is CDL +4.9m.

The structure of the piers are so-called steel jacket type. Units of jacket are usually fabricated in the factory and transported to the construction site and set on the bottom of sea bed. Then, by the piles driven through vertical steel jacket pipes, the jacket structures are fixed. So the construction work is much faster than in cases of other types of piers. The Figure A3.1.1 shows the typical cross section of No.1 and No. 2 jetty piers.

According to the engineer in charge of construction of Da Nang Port, original slabs (decks) were made of wood and they were replaced by concrete slabs then vertical steel piles were filled with concrete at the first repair work stage in 1976. In 1980~1985, the vertical reinforced square concrete piles(40×40cm,21m length) were added on both sides of piers for fender installation. In 1993~1996, the portion of the steel piles at splash zone were covered with concrete to prevent corrosion. Then new reinforced concrete slabs supported by the I- beams were installed on the old slabs. However, due to the difficulty of repairing pipe trusses, horizontal steel pipe trusses located at splash zone had been left without any treatment, thus, they are now severely eroded. There are many small holes can be seen on the horizontal steel member .

To prevent yielding structure, enforced diagonal reinforced concrete square piles are planned to be added just behind outer vertical piles in 1997 and after these reinforced work, new rubber fenders are to be attached at the literal head beam of the fender piles. The repairing work started from 1997 will cost USD 13 million including dredging work.

Berths in Song Han Port were constructed in France sovereign age before 1930. The original structure was made of the wall consisting concrete base blocks and large stones . In 1960', the present concrete pile platforms with a width of 10m were built in front of the original wharves. Figure A3.1.2 shows typical cross section of these wharves. After these initial construction works, partial repairing works have been continued, however original structure remains unchanged. Recently heavy cargoes like 40 feet container are increasing, so that, from the necessity to strengthen piers structure, in 1995, the reinforcement of structure was carried out at a portion of 60m long by driving additional concrete piles between the original piles. There are some places along the wharves where the suction phenomenon of the filled materials behind the original wharves are observed. Port of Da Nang has a plan to add reinforced concrete piles and replace with L-type retain walls instead of existing stone walls to prevent filling material flow by suction force.



**Table 3.1.1 Major Facilities in Danang Port**

	Tien Sa Port	Song Han Port
<b>1. Berth Facilities</b>		
-Number of Berth	4	8
-Berth Length	732m	750m
-Water Depth	-11m	-6~-7m
<b>2. Cargo Handling Facilities</b>		
-Mobile Crane	16sets(5~80t)	
-Fork Lift	16sets(1.5~42t)	
-Tractor	2sets	
<b>3. Transit Shed and Warehouse</b>		
-CFS	4,320m <sup>2</sup>	
-Warehouse	14,850m <sup>2</sup>	8,225m <sup>2</sup>
<b>4. Open Storage Yard</b>		
-Open Storage Yard	39,400m <sup>2</sup>	8,000m <sup>2</sup>
-Container Yard	38,000m <sup>2</sup>	10,200m <sup>2</sup>

### 3.1.3 Cargo Throughput

The total volume of cargo handled recently in the Port of Danang was 847,900 tons in 1996 and 882,218 tons in 1997. The major import commodities are chemical fertilizer, cement, kaolin, iron steel, equipment and tar. The major export commodities are pulp, sand, and food grain. Trends of cargo volume of export/import and domestic by main commodities are shown in Table 3.1.3(1).

The volume of container cargo has been steadily increasing at average growth rate: 15.1% and ratio of empty container in 1997 is 27% as shown in Table 3.1.3(3)

The total ship calls was 317 in 1996 and 411 in 1997. Concerning to share of cargo ship in 1997, 61% were for foreign and 39% were for domestic as shown in Table 3.1.3(2). Furthermore, characteristics of ship calls is shown in Table 3.1.3(4). The total number of unloading ships at Tien Sa district in 1992 was 126 of which 62% were Vietnamese national ships and 16% were of the USSR. On the other hand, the total number of loading ships at Tien Sa district in 1992 was 98 of which 66% were Vietnamese national ships and 11% were of Thailand.

**Table 3.1.3(1) Cargo Volume by Main Commodities of Danang Port**

(Unit: Ton)

	1994	1995	1996	1997
<b>Quantity</b>	<b>666,745</b>	<b>830,242</b>	<b>847,900</b>	<b>882,218</b>
<b>1. Import</b>	<b>489,811</b>	<b>631,657</b>	<b>582,057</b>	<b>433,489</b>
- Chemical fertilizer	106,565	200,220	213,511	195,474
- Cement	234,232	259,932	227,537	79,252
- Kaolin	67,227	96,385	47,830	78,570
- Iron steel	24,177	20,069	25,646	420
- Equipment	52,112	47,040	52,005	65,236
- Tar	5,240	5,855	12,715	13674
- Consumer goods and others			2,813	863
<b>2. Export</b>	<b>119,510</b>	<b>149,424</b>	<b>198,187</b>	<b>279,726</b>
- Pulp stone	40,800	95,247		
- Silica Sand	14,761	10,867	24,306	62,193
- Food grain	10,123	1,131		
- Stone	6,148		2,378	
- Wasted iron and steel	13,492			5,853
- Consumer goods and others		29,740	171,503	211,680
<b>3. Domestic</b>	<b>57,424</b>	<b>49,151</b>	<b>67,656</b>	<b>169,003</b>
<b>a. Domestic import</b>	<b>55,072</b>	<b>45,597</b>	<b>61,886</b>	<b>162,514</b>
- Coal	25,019	23,008	27,841	37,410
- Cement	16,472	8,660	22,799	116,442
- Chemical fertilizer		5,214	4,855	
- Iron steel	8,125	3,490	653	2,628
- Equipment	2,155	1,633	1,673	1,852
- Consumer goods and others			4,065	4,182
<b>b. Domestic - Export</b>	<b>2,352</b>	<b>3,564</b>	<b>5,770</b>	<b>6,489</b>
- Gypsum	1,954			
- The other	398	3,564	5,770	6,489

Source: Danang Port

**Table 3.1.3(2) Ship Calls of Danang Port**

Sort of Ship	1996	1997
Cargo Ship (Foreign)	217	229
Cargo Ship (Domestic)	64	147
Passenger Ship	36	35
(Total)	317	411

Source: Danang Port Authority

**Table 3.1.3(3) Container Cargo Volume**

Years		1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997
1. Total number of Container (TEU)	Import	873	315	1,562	2,232	2,808	3,652	4,935	5,974
	Export	541	349	1,355	1,930	2,751	3,361	4,168	5,123
1a. Empty Container (TEU)	Import				992	888	1,207	*	*
	Export				618	913	744	2,548	3,012
1b. Full Container (TEU)	Import				1,240	1,920	2,445	*	*
	Export				1,312	1,838	2,617	6,555	8,085
2. Total volume of Container (Ton)	Import	3,957	1,382	12,638	15,640	21,430	29,301	*	*
	Export	6,568	4,738	18,415	23,037	27,786	38,236	65,000	83,000
3. Ship Calls		235	179	202	324	278	261		

\* Import and Export

Source: Danang Port

**Table 3.1.3(4) Characteristics of Ship Calls (Tien Sa)**

From 01/01/1992 to 01/01/1993

Unloading				Loading			
Nationality of ship	Number of ship	GRT	Volume (ton)	Nationality of ship	Number of ship	GRT	Volume (ton)
Bahamas	8	20,322	13,471	Bahamas	8	20,322	960
Bangda	1	13,125	7	Bangda			
Cuba	1	11,323	10,040	Cuba			
Honduras	0		5,666	Federal	1	2,854	62
The USSR	19	84,152		Republic of		385	304
Malta	1	3,986	63,467	Germany	1	55,602	7,561
South Korea	1	4,058	2,622	Honduras	6		
Philippines	1	2,000		The USSR			
Panama	13	43,229	1,247	Malta			
Thailand	1		21,128	South Korea			
Turkey	1	4,925	4,217	Philippines	11	27,753	19,202
Vietnam	78	130,747	1,097	Panama	6	5,084	80,98
Federal	1	2,854	109,871	Thailand			
Republic of			125	Turkey	65	80,577	37,474
Germany				Vietnam			
Total	126	316,665	223,986	Total	98	192,577	73,659

Source: Danang Port

### 3.1.4 Port Traffic

The study team carried out a survey on port access traffic to Danang Port from 15-22 April 1997.

#### (1) Synopsis of Survey

- Location: Danang City (detailed survey points were shown in Figure 3.1.4(1))
- Number of Survey Point: 9
- Term: April 15, 1997~April 22, 1997 (7 net days)
- Survey Hours: 24hours
- Classification of Vehicle: Passenger ca/Truck(general)/Truck(container)
- Interval of Volume Calculation: 1 hour

#### (2) Result of Survey

Survey point No.1 is located at the gateway of Tien Sa district; its two way average traffic volume is 795 vehicles per day of which 55% are carrying container or cargo related to port activities. On the other hand, No.4 is located at the gateway of Song Han district; average traffic volume (one way traffic) is 1,154 vehicles per day of which 30% are related to port activities. Result of survey by vehicle type at each point is shown in Table 3.1.4 and Figure 3.1.4(2). Furthermore, trend of traffic volume per hour at each point is shown in Figure A3.1.4(1)~(9).

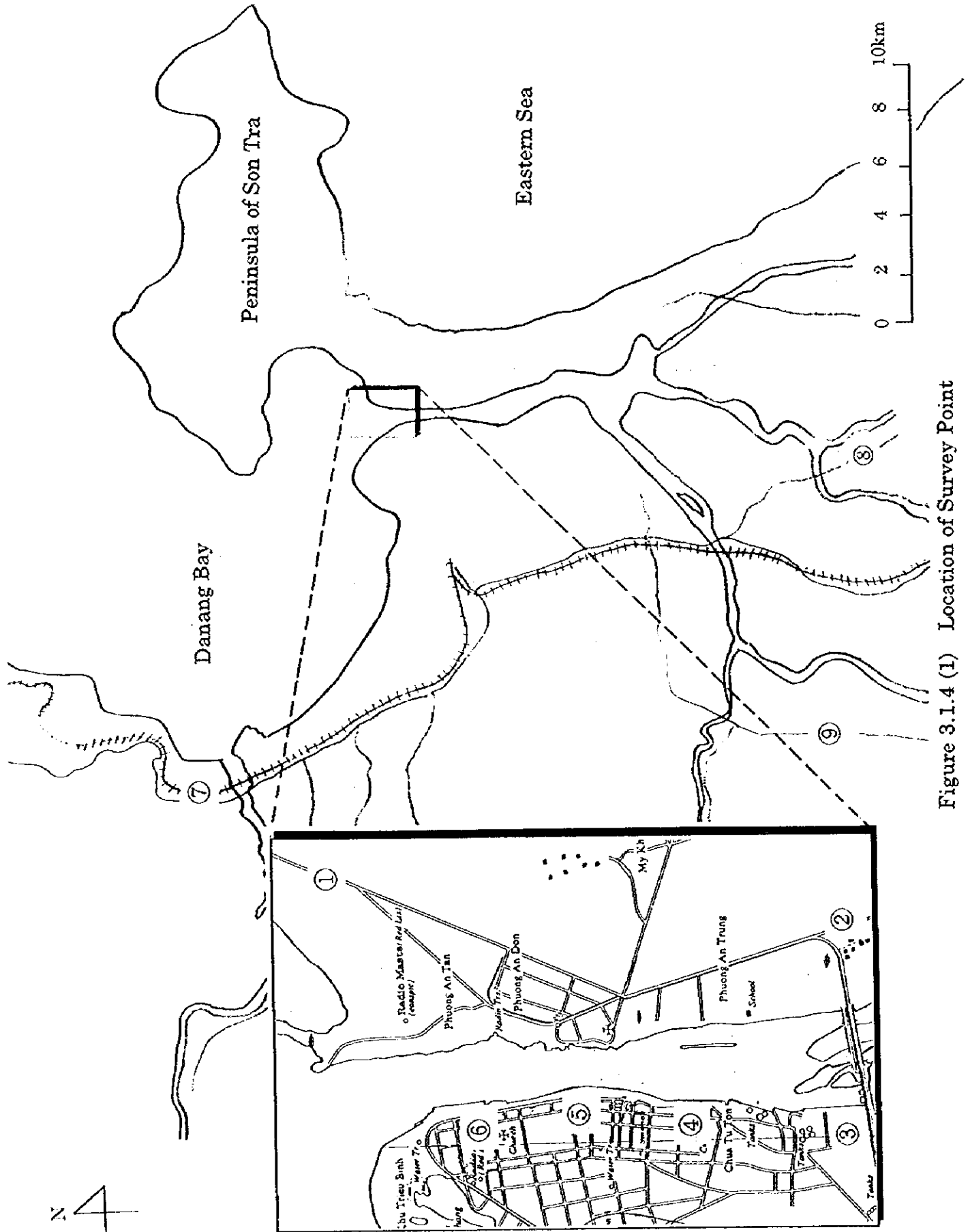
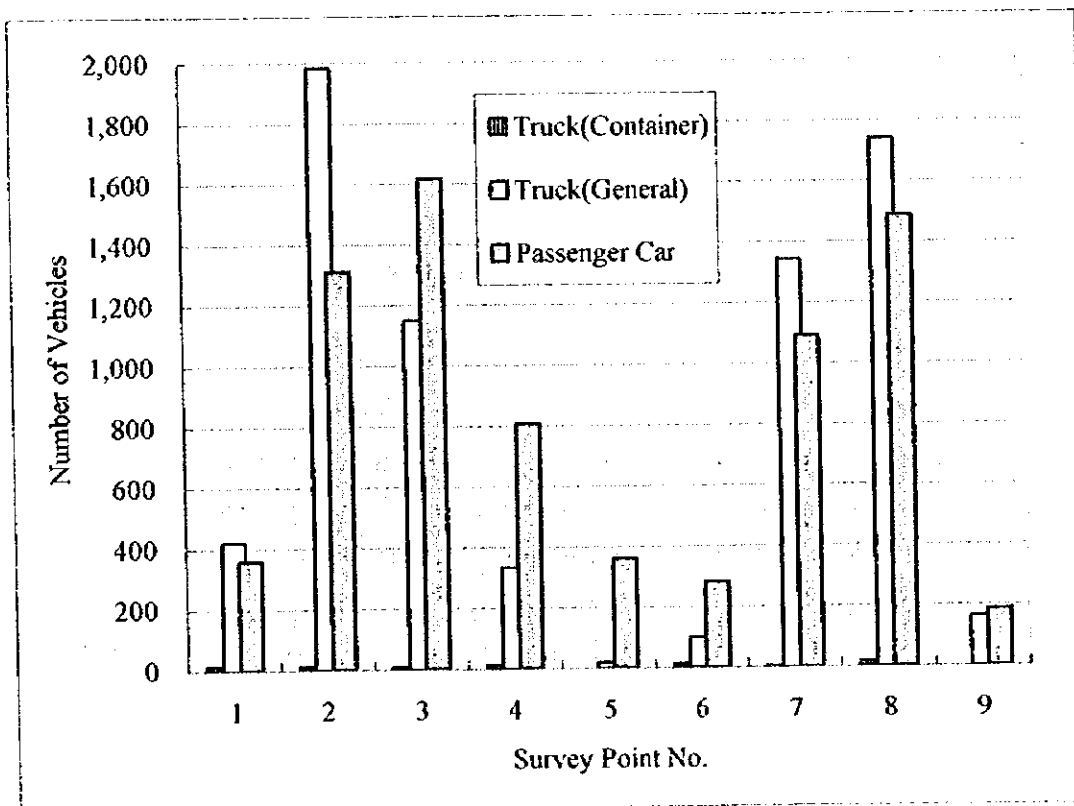


Figure 3.1.4 (1) Location of Survey Point

**Table 3.1.4 Traffic Volume around Danang Port**

Survey Point No.	Direction (To: )	Average Traffic Volume (per day)				Remark
		Passenger Car	Truck (General)	Truck (Container)	Total	
1	North	184	205	9	398	Tien Sa District
	South	174	216	7	397	
2	North	671	969	5	1,646	East side of Nguyen Van Troi Bridge
	South	640	1,014	7	1,661	
3	East	867	624	4	1,494	West side of Nguyen Van Troi Bridge
	West	751	525	4	1,279	
4	North	807	334	13	1,154	Song Han District
5	East	167	11	0	178	Song Han District
	West	193	8	0	201	
6	North	280	98	14	392	Song Han District
7	North	543	670	2	1,215	Route 1A
	South	548	673	2	1,224	
8	North	776	880	8	1,664	Route 1A
	South	711	859	9	1,579	
9	East	88	78	0	166	Route 14B
	West	97	85	0	182	

Note: Volumes under the heading "Truck(General)" for points No.2 and No.3 are approximately 20-30% higher than normal on account of reclamation works near the survey points according to Department of Public Transportation Danang City.



**Figure 3.1.4(2) Traffic Volume around Danang Port**

## 3.2 Ports in the Key Area of the Central Region

### 3.2.1 Cua Viet Port

#### (1) Location

Cua Viet Port is located in the northern part of Quang Tri province, on the right bank at the mouth of the river, and it is administrated by Quang Tri province.

#### (2) Port Facility

- One reinforced concrete quay with 63.7m for 2000-3000 ton vessels and the throughput capacity of 200,000 ton/year.
- Access channel 2.5km in length and - 5.9m in depth, 8 buoys system and a turning area 132m in diameter.
- Concrete yard: 7200m<sup>2</sup>
- Jurisdiction area: 8 ha
- The technical system:
  - Management office: 450 m<sup>2</sup>
  - Warehouse: 900 m<sup>2</sup>
  - 3 ton electronic weighing station
  - Electrical and water supply system
- Equipment:
  - Tug: 530CV
  - Handling cranes
  - Lift-truck
- Access road: 14.8km from 1A national road to the port.

#### (3) Future Plan

In the first stage, 254.4m long wharf will be built to accommodate 5000 ton vessels. Furthermore, the rail of 10.5m in width for operation of cranes, warehouse for packed cargoes (900m<sup>2</sup>), and a yard for bulk cargoes will be built.

In the second stage, the wharf will be expanded an additional 254.4m (total length of wharf is 508.8m). This will allow accommodation of 4 vessels of 5000 ton capacity simultaneously.



### 3.2.2 Thuan An Port

#### (1) General

Thuan An Port is located in the central part of the lagoon Dam Cau Hai, which is 10km away from Hue City. Thuan An Port was built in 1975 by the United States and transferred to the Central Government, which in turn transferred it to the Hue Provincial Government in 1984.

#### (2) Port Facility

- The port has 3 berths: 92m long and 21m wide berth (3.2m deep at low tide and 8.7m at high tide), 90m slope berth, and 98m long berth.
- The port has one warehouse of 1,800 m<sup>2</sup>.
- Cargo handling facilities consist of 4 mobile cranes with a capacity of 10-15tons.

#### (3) Cargo Volume and Ship Calls

Cargo volume and ship calls are summarized below.

Year 1995	Volume (ton)	Commodities
1. Cargo volume	82,500	
Export	9,500	Rattan and others mainly to China
Import	7,000	Glass and general cargo mainly from China
Coastal In	66,000	Coal : 37,000ton, Cement : 29,000ton
2. Ship Calls	310	Maximum : 600DWT

#### (4) Future Plan

- Dredging work of 200 to 250 thousand m<sup>3</sup> in front of the wharves and the access waterway to accommodate vessels of 1,000 DWT class.
- Construction of fish port, fuel port and a tourism port

#### (5) Current Problems

- Due to strong seasonal winds, the port is closed for about three or four months per year.
- The water depth is shallow at the entrance of the lagoon.

### **3.2.3 My Khe Port**

#### **(1) General**

My Khe Port is situated in Danang City. It is under the direct administration of My Khe oil depot which is one of the five oil depots of Petrolimex Danang. The port can accommodate ships of 30,000 DWT. It is planned to replace Lien Chieu or Thanh Khe in the future.

#### **(2) Port Facility**

- Standard buoy: The bollard connecting soft and hard pipes is placed in order to vessels during the mooring and oil pumping. One standard buoy is of plate steel, 8mm thick, cylinder shape, 0.8m diameter and 0.8m high.

- Buoy, chain and anchor system: There are 4 groups, each group consists of one buoy used to hook mooring vessels, fabricated of plate steel of 8mm, chain of  $\varnothing 100$ , 25m long linking the buoy to a steel circle of more than 620mm diameter, diameter of steel of 15.5m.

- Pipeline: 1 steel pipe of 8", 2 steel pipes of 10" laid under the sea. The whole steel pipeline is 1500m long.

### **3.2.4 Sa Ky Port**

#### **(1) General**

Sa ky Port is located in Quang Ngai province. Following the improvement project in 1991, the port can accommodate ship of 1,000DWT. Investment capital of the project was approximately US\$ 2million.

#### **(2) Port Facility**

There is one 50m berth without handling equipment and its cargo handling capacity is 100,000~200,000tons.

#### **(3) Future Plan**

Equipment, crane, lighting and others are planned to be installed.

### 3.3 Ports in the Peripheral Provinces

#### 3.3.1 Vung Ang Port

##### (1) General

Vung Ang Port is a new port which is planned in Ha Tinh Province based on the agreement between the Vietnam government and the LAO government. According to the feasibility study on Vung Ang Port, the hinterland is assumed to be Ha Tinh Province, Quang Binh Province, middle part of LAO and north-eastern part of Thailand. Port facilities and construction cost is estimated as follows.

##### (2) Facilities and Construction Cost

Facilities	Unit	Volume	Cost Billion VND
Construction			656.38
-Quay	m	1,344	150.75
-Stone embankment	m <sup>2</sup>	8,100	1.62
-Breakwater	m	500	149.45
-Building yard	m <sup>3</sup>	2,075,000	26.98
-Dredging	m <sup>3</sup>	1,100,000	27.50
-Road and yard	m <sup>2</sup>	225,400	16.66
-Store-house and architectural construction	m <sup>2</sup>	80,466	104.89
-Technical system			13.66
-Others			137.51
Equipment			316.20
(Total)			972.58

### 3.3.2 Quy Nhon

#### (1) Location

Quy Nhon Port is located in Quy Nhon City, Binh Dinh province. The bay, sheltered by Phuoc Mai peninsula, is hardly affected by wave and wind and the basin is quite calm.

#### (2) Port Facility

- The pier was constructed for calling of 10,000 DWT vessel with a depth of 8.5m and a length of 174m with 2berths.
- The wharf has a length of 350m with 1berth and 5,000 DWT .
- The port has one warehouse of 7,500 sq.meters.
- Cargo handling facilities consists of 13 mobile cranes with a capacity of 2-25 tons.

#### (3) Cargo Handling

Cargo volume trend from 1990 to 1995 and cargo handling volume at Quy Nhon Port are shown in Table 3.3.2. The cargo volume slightly increased in this period. In 1995, import and export volumes were 170,000 tons and 150,000 tons respectively.

**Table 3.3.2 Trend in Cargo Volume at Quy Nhon Port**

(Unit: thousand tons)

Year	Amount
1990	300
1991	300
1992	340
1993	410
1994	400
1995	450

#### (4) Current Plan

Container cargo is increasing rapidly, rising from 4600 TEUs in 1994 to 7200 TEUs in 1995. Development plan to cope with the increasing cargo has been decided as follows: two berths of 244 meters in length to accommodate vessels larger than 20,000 DWT will be prepared over an area of 27 hectares with the target year of 2010.

### 3.3.3 Nha Trang Port

#### (1) Location

Nha Trang Port is located in Nha Trang City, Khanh Hoa province. The port operator was founded in 1976. Before the large berth was constructed in 1991, barge transport had been operated between an offshore anchorage and the coast. The port is naturally protected by islands.

#### (2) Port Facility

- The pier was constructed between 1993 and 1995 with a depth of 9.6m, a length of 155m with 2 berths.
- The wharf, repaired in 1979, has a water depth of 6m - 7.5m and a length of 350m with 2 berths.
- The port has three warehouses.
- Cargo handling facilities consist of 5 mobile cranes with a capacity of 8-16 tons.

#### (3) Cargo Handling

Trend in cargo volume from 1990 to 1995 and cargo handling volume are shown in Table 3.3.3. The cargo volume considerably decreased in 1991, however it has increased from 1993. The volume of imports was many times more than that of exports.

**Table 3.3.3 Trend in Cargo Volume at Nha Trang Port**

<b>Year</b>	<b>Amount (ton)</b>
1990	220,000
1991	150,000
1992	150,000
1993	180,000
1994	210,000
1995	340,000

#### (4) Current Problems

One of the problems of the port is that the land area within the port is small therefore the yard has been built 3 km away from the port. The narrow and steep access road of the port is another problem that needs improving soon. The 45 days of port closure due to bad weather also causes little affect on port operation. Finally, though land area for development is small and environmentally sensitive, the port will be enhanced as one of the ports which represents the south.



## 4. Natural Conditions

### 4.1 Tide

On the coast of the key area of central Vietnam, Tide Table is available for Danang. According to the Table, tides in the Study Areas are semi-diurnal, although the diurnal component is predominant in some months. The tidal levels are relatively low in April and high in October. The tidal level, which is essential for planning, and design of port facilities are shown in Table 4.1.1 for Danang. The mean high water range (average tidal range at full and new moons) is approximately 1 m.

**Table 4.1.1 Tidal Levels at Danang**

Name	Abbreviation	Water level (m)
Highest High Water Level	HHWL	+ 2.35
Mean Higher High Water Springs	MHHWSL	+ 1.51
Mean Monthly-Highest Water Level	HWL	+ 1.4*
Mean Sea Level	MSL	+ 0.92
Mean Monthly-Lowest Water Level	LWL	+ 0.4*
Mean Lower Low Water Springs	MLLWSL	+ 0.37
Lowest Low Water Level	LLWL	+ 0.07
Chart Datum	CDL	0

Source: Association of Science and Technology on the Sea of Vietnam "Report on Hydro-meteorological Regime in Danang", 1996, based on actual data from 1978 to 1988 (11 years) observed at Son Tra Station, Danang.

\* Estimated by calculation of HWL and LWL for 1993-1997 (5 years) by the JICA Study Team based on 'Tide Tables, Vol. II, 1993 - 1997' published by the General Department of Hydro-meteorology, i.e. 1.30 m and 0.42 m respectively. The HWL in this table is derived from the fact that the difference between the actual MHHWSL and estimated one from the Tide Table is 0.15 m.

At the mouth of Danang Bay, the Study Team analyzes the tidal level observed by the wave recorder for 30 days from December 18, 1997. The results are summarized in Tables 4.1.2 and 4.1.3. The sum of the amplitudes of the major four tidal components is 57.7 cm. The amplitudes are relatively smaller at the mouth than in the bay.

**Table 4.1.2 Major Tidal Components at the Mouth of Danang Bay**

Components	Abbreviation	Period (hours)	Amplitude (cm)	Phase angle (degree)
Major Lunar Semidiurnal	M 2	12.42	17.9	309.2
Major Solar Semidiurnal	S 2	12.00	6.7	328.4
Luni-solar Diurnal	K 1	23.93	19.7	283.7
Major Lunar Diurnal	O 1	25.82	13.4	254.8

Source: Study Team

**Table 4.1.3 Relative Tidal Levels Observed at the Mouth of Danang Bay**

Name	Abbreviation	Water level (cm)
Near Highest High Water Level	NHHWL	+ 57.7
High Water of Ordinary Spring Tides	HWOST	+ 24.6
Mean High Water	MHW	+17.9
High Water of Neap Tides	HWONT	+ 11.2
Mean Sea Level	MSL	+ 0.0
Low Water of Neap Tides	LWONP	-11.2
Mean Low Water	MLW	-17.9
Low Water of Ordinary Spring Tides	LWOST	-24.6
Datum Level	DL	-57.7

Source: Study Team

## 4.2 Wind

### 4.2.1 Wind on the Land

Wind in the South East Asia is generally governed by two monsoons, i.e. northeast monsoon in winter and southwest monsoon in summer, although wind direction is strongly affected by local geography.

Wind data on the land near to Lien Chieu are available at one station of Hydro-meteorological Service of S.R. Vietnam (HMS), i.e. Danang. Wind roses at the station are shown



in Figures A 4.2.1 for the past 10 years (1987-1996). In Danang, north and east winds dominate from January to April. East winds prevail from May to August. North to northeast wind is frequent in November and December. Strong wind occurs due to typhoons and storms normally from September to November.

Maximum wind velocity recorded in Danang station in the past 10 years (1986-1995) is summarized in Table 4.2.1 by month. The highest wind velocity was 40 m/sec in November from northwest at Danang. This strong wind was due to Typhoon 9521 named Zack which landed at about 40 km south of Quang Ngai on 1 November 1995.

**Table 4.2.1 Maximum Wind Velocity by Month (1986-1995)**

Station	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Danang	16	14	14	15	<b>25</b>	13	16	12	<b>24</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>40</b>	16
	N	N	N	NNW	N	W	NW	SW	NNW	NNW	NW	NE

Data Source: Hydro-meteorological Data Center, 1997 Note: Bold figures are due to typhoons.

## 4.2.2 Wind on the Coast and the Sea

### (1) Wind Observed at Central Coast and Danang by MHMC

On the coasts and islands of Vietnam, there are 21 stations of the Marine Hydro-meteorological Center (MHMC). Wind roses at northern and central stations are considerably different from those measured on the land. In Danang, for example, north-easterly wind from October to January, easterly wind in April, and south to south-westerly wind in July are predominant, reflecting characteristics of the monsoons.

### (2) Wind observed at Dung Quat by TEDI

Actually observed data on the coast and the sea are invaluable for planning and design of a port. In Dung Quat, TEDI measured wind at the northern tip of the peninsula of Dung Quat, or the Dat Vian Ka Cape, four times a day from 25 October to 24 November 1995. The wind rose shows that wind directions are just limited to NE, N, and NW. This is most probably an effect of the existence of mountains in the southern direction.

There are several peaks of high wind speed recorded during this observation period.

They are 23.3 m/sec from NE at 1300 hours on 26 October, 33.6 m/sec from NW at 0700hours on 1 November, and 16.4 m/sec from NW at 1900 hours on 5 November. These strong winds were due to typhoons, i.e. Typhoon 9519 (Vivette), 9521 (Zack), and 9520 (Angela), respectively. Among others, Typhoon 9521 is one of the most influenced typhoons to the central coast region in the past 40 years.

#### **4.2.3 Wind by Typhoons**

Tropical storm and typhoon are defined by a depression with maximum wind speed being more than 17 m/sec. Typhoons on the South China Sea originate usually in the west Pacific and around the Philippines and move to the west, finally attacking Vietnam. Typhoon season normally starts in May in the north Vietnam and in October in the South Vietnam. In central Vietnam, September to November are most active months as shown in Figure A 4.2.2, and approximately two typhoons land every year on the average.

Wind velocity,  $V$ , depends on relative location of the place of interest and center of the typhoon, taking account of direction of typhoon movement; distance from the place to the center of the typhoon,  $r$ ; central air pressure,  $P_c$ ; and speed of the typhoon,  $U$ ; let alone local geography. Considering these factors and actual wind records, 30 typhoons that most affected the central region of Vietnam are selected from all the typhoons recorded for a period from 1961 to 1997 (37 years) and tabulated in Table A 4.2.2.

There are only a few typhoons of which maximum wind speed at landing time exceeded 40m/sec at near observatories. There is no typhoon landed between Hue and Danang, except a few tropical depressions (TD) during the above period.

The tracks of typical and representative typhoons are shown in Figure A 4.2.3. These 30 typhoons are candidates of wave hindcast for the discussion of design conditions of port facilities.

#### **4.2.4 Wind Observation at Lien Chieu by the JICA Study Team**

The JICA Study Team is carrying out wind observation at the three Study Areas as shown in Table 4.2.3 by means of anemometers brought from Japan. The locations of the wind observation are shown in Figure A 4.2.4.

**Table 4.2.2 Wind Observation by the JICA Study Team**

Study area	Location	Longitude, E Latitude, N*	Height of the sensor from G.L.	Equipment model	Start time of measurement
Chan May	Center of Chan May coast	108° 00' 08.6" 16° 18' 42.1"	5 m	P-type, No.23-P	7 April 1997
Danang	Hai Van Cement yard at Lien Chieu	108° 07' 26.0" 16° 07' 44.3"	5 m	P-type, No. 23-P	6 April 1997
Dung Quat	Ky Ha Light House	108° 41' 29.4" 15° 28' 53.6"	25 m	Dynavane No.112-3	4 April 1997

\* Based on World Geodetic System (WGS) 84

The result of the observation at Hai Van Cement Yard at Lien Chieu of average wind velocity is presented in Figure A 4.2.5 in the form of wind rose by month. In general, the wind is governed by the daily land-and-sea-wind system and strongly affected by the local geography at the station. For reference, data of wind observed at Danang Observatory are collected and compared with those of Lien Chieu. Findings on their characteristics are summarized below :

- a. The most frequent wind directions are NE and W all year round. This is due to Bach Ma - Hai Van Mountains as a high and large obstacle to the north of the station.
- b. On ordinary days, wind is calm at night and westerly wind starts to blow in the morning, reaching maximum from E in the afternoon, and settle down in the evening.
- c. The maximum instantaneous sea wind speed is normally between 9 and 14.9 m/sec, occurring always in the north. The highest maximum instantaneous wind speed recorded was 22.3 m/sec from NWN at 8:00 on 25 September 1997. This is caused by Typhoon 9721 (Fritz) which landed to the south of Danang.
- d. Directional distributions of winds are quite different between Lien Chieu and Danang Observatory, which is located near the Danang International Airport.

## 4.3 Wave

### 4.3.1 Wave on the South China Sea Provided by the US Navy

Statistics of waves observed by ships at an area off the central coast of Vietnam (a square enclosed by E 112 and E 115 degrees, and by N 11 and 14 degrees) are provided by the U.S. Navy.<sup>1</sup> The data include frequencies of occurrence of wave height in terms of wave period and direction. According to this statistics, predominant direction of waves from January to April is NE, from May to September SW, and from October to December again from NE. This means monsoons and typhoons govern the waves in the area.

Maximum wave height of more than 10 m from the east was recorded in October. It is less than 10 m for January, March, November and December, less than 8 m for February, May, June July, August and September, and less than 6 m in April. These extremely high waves have small probability of occurrence of less than 0.5 %, and they are apparently generated by typhoons.

### 4.3.2 Waves Observed on the Coast of Vietnam and at Danang by MHMC

MHMC reported wave roses at their marine stations as shown in Figure A 4.3.1. Data at Quy Nhon indicate similar characteristics to the statistics of the U.S. Navy introduced above.

At Son Tra (E 108° 13', N 16° 06') in Danang, MHMC has been carrying out "estimated wave measurement", or visual wave observation, since 1977. The wave roses at Son Tra, which are already shown in Figure A 4.3.1, imply that waves are quite small compared with others stations. In January, waves are small with predominant direction of north. Wave height from the north is about 1.0 to 1.5 m. Frequency of "calm" is 38.8 %. In April and July, most of waves are less than 1 m. Frequency of calm is high, i.e. 45.0 % and 60.6 %, respectively. In October, the predominant directions are northwest and north with frequency of occurrence of about 25 % each. Wave height from the northwest exceeded 2 m. Calm has an occurrence probability of 44.3 %.

The maximum observed wave height from 1978 to 1993 (15 years) was 6.0 m from NW on both 24 May 1989 and 18 September 1990. The former wave was due to Typhoon 8904 (Cecil) and the latter wave was by Typhoon 9018 (Ed).

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<sup>1</sup> U.S. Navy "Marine Climatic Atlas of the World, Vol. III Indian Ocean", March 1976

Probability distribution of wave height at Son Tra prepared by MIIMS is shown in Figure A 4.3.2 which is based on monthly maximum height and Fisher-Tipette I distribution. Wave height equivalent to a return period of 50 years is assessed to be 8.0 m and for 100 years to be 9.0 m.

#### 4.3.3 Waves observed at Dung Quat by TEDI

TEDI performed also visual observation of waves at the northern tip of the Dat Vian Ka Cape to the east of Dung Quat Bay from 25 October to 24 November 1995 (one month). The water depth of observed waves is about 21 m. The result is given in the form of wave roses.

Waves occurred 58 % from NE, 14 % from N, and 14 % from NW. The rest of 13 % was calm. High waves of more than 2 m and less than 3.5 m occurred once each from NE and NW. The former was generated by Typhoon 9519 (Vivette) and the latter by 9521 (Zack).

#### 4.3.4 Wave Observation at the Mouth of Danang Bay and off Ky Ha by the JICA Study Team

Wave observations have been carried out by the Study Team as shown in Table 4.3.1 and Figure A 4.2.4. The wave meters, which were brought in from Japan, were set on the seabed and had capacities of wave measurement by means of both ultrasonic wave and water pressure. Wave direction can be measured by detecting water particle movement caused by the surface waves. Current is also measured simultaneously.

**Table 4.3.1 Wave Observation by the JICA Study Team**

Location	Longitude, E Latitude, N*	Water depth of the wave recorder	Equipment model	Start time of measurement
Mouth of Danang Bay, or 9.3 km of Tien Sa Port	108° 15' 34.0" 16° 11' 27.7"	CDL-24m	Wave Hunter 94 Σ	13 Sept. 1997
3.2 km NE of Ky Ha Light House	108° 42' 44.9" 15° 30' 06.5"	CDL-23 m	Wave Hunter Σ	4 April 1997

\* Based on World Geodetic System (WGS) 84

The records of waves memorized in IC tips were recovered every one to four months and analyzed to obtain various wave statistics.

### **(I) Typical Wave Records Taken at Danang and Ky Ha**

By the both wave recorders, several representative waves in this sea area were measured successfully, including those by typhoons, tropical depressions and monsoons. Waves by typhoons are due to Typhoon 9721 (Fritz) and 9726(Lynda).

#### **1) Wind Waves Generated by Typhoon Fritz**

One of the most typical wave records taken at Danang and Ky Ha by the ultrasonic wave recorder is that of Typhoon 9721 on 25 September 1997. The track and central air pressure of Typhoon 9721 is shown in Figure A 4.3.3 and its wave record in Figure A 4.3.4. The Figure illustrates significant and maximum wave heights and periods with main wave directions (direction where wave energy is most concentrated). It is understood that the records are in good quality.

The highest significant wave heights,  $H_{1/3}$ , recorded are 5.7 m (Period  $T_{1/3} = 9.7$  sec) from the east at Danang (at 1200 hr on 25<sup>th</sup>) and 5.1 m ( $T_{1/3} = 8.7$  sec) from the northeast at Ky Ha (at 2200 hr on 24<sup>th</sup>). The highest maximum wave heights,  $H_{max}$ , recorded are 9.0 m (Period  $T_{1/3} = 8.7$  sec) from the east-north-east at Danang (at 08:00 hr on 25<sup>th</sup>) and 7.9 m (Period  $T_{1/3} = 9.0$  sec) from the northeast at Ky Ha (at 2200 hr on 24<sup>th</sup>).

Their directional wave spectra are analyzed by Extended Maximum Entropy Principle Method (EMEP) and shown in Figure A 4.3.5. The wave spectrum of Ky Ha clearly shows two peaks of energy, i.e. one is at the wave period of about 10 seconds from the northeast and the other is of about 6 seconds from the north. The former is the main wave component which came from the typhoon when it had been at offshore and the latter is additional components from the typhoon when it had approached near the shore.

#### **2) Wind Waves Generated by Typhoon Linda**

From the 1<sup>st</sup> to 3<sup>rd</sup> of November 1997, a typhoon named *Linda* (Typhoon No. 9726) passed the southern periphery of the Indo-China and caused serious damages and casualties at Baria - Vung Tau to Camau on the coast of southwest provinces. The lowest central air pressure was 985 hPa from 0700 to 1600 (local time) on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of November. The typhoon was about 730 km

apart from Ky Ha and 800 km from Danang at the nearest track in the early morning on the 1<sup>st</sup> of November. The highest waves generated by the typhoon and recorded at Danang and Ky Ha are:

At Danang,

$H_{max} = 6.8$  m,  $T_{max} = 8.8$  sec. from the north-east direction  
at 0800 on the 1<sup>st</sup> of November

$H_{1/3} = 4.1$  m,  $T_{1/3} = 9.8$  sec. from the east-north-east direction  
at 0200 on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of November

At Ky Ha,

$H_{max} = 6.8$  m,  $T_{max} = 10.0$  sec. from the north-east direction  
at 2000 on the 1<sup>st</sup> of November

$H_{1/3} = 4.2$  m,  $T_{1/3} = 9.8$  sec. from the north-east direction  
at 1000 on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of November

The above waves observed at Danang and Ky Ha can be considered to have had almost the same magnitude.

### 3) Swells from a Remote Typhoon

The same series of wave records in Figure A 4.3.4 revealed another important characteristic of waves at the coast of central Vietnam. Both of the waves measured at Danang and Ky Ha on the 15<sup>th</sup> of September have a very long period of about 16 seconds, although its significant wave height is only about 1.2 m. Their directional wave spectra are shown in Figure A 4.3.6 which demonstrate that the swells came from the east-north-east direction and the longest wave components has a period of more than 30 seconds.

This wave is most probably the swells generated at the northeast area of the Philippines in the west Pacific by Typhoon *Oliwa* (central pressure: 935 hPa) moving to the northwest direction toward Japan. The swells were propagated through the Bashi Channel into the South China Sea. The distance from the central coast of Vietnam to the typhoon was about 3,000 km.

These records are a proof of the existence of long period waves at the central coast of Vietnam.

#### (2) Statistics of Observed Waves at Danang and Ky Ha.

The wave roses are shown in Figure A 4.3.7 (1) and (2) by season which demonstrates that

the dominant wave directions are:

April – May	NE and secondly ENE
June – August	E and secondly ENE
September – November	NE and secondly ENE
December – February	ENE and secondly NE

The frequency distributions of wave occurrence for the whole observation period are tabulated in Table A 4.3.2 (1) and (2).

### (3) Correlation between Observed Wind and Wave

At Danang the correlation between wind and waves is not well, because of locality of wind which is strongly affected by mountains.

At Ky Ha the locations of the wind meter and the wave recorder are only about 3.2 km apart. However, the local wind, or its speed and direction, not always corresponds to the wave, or its height and direction. Correlation between wind direction and wind speed or wave height are shown in Figure A 4.3.8 for the data in April 1997. It tells that, when the local wind blows from northwest to north direction, wave height is apt to become high in this month. On the contrary, although the local wind is relatively strong from east to south, waves are rather limited.

## 4.3.5 Estimate of Waves

### (1) Effective Fetch

Waves are generated by wind and grow proportionally to its surface wind speed, fetch (distance over which the wind is blowing), and duration of the wind. The maximum fetch is a physical factor, which can be derived by geography of the sea, in this case, the South China Sea. Supposed a directional spectral distribution of wave component to be cosine, the effective fetch,  $F_{eff}$ , is defined by Saville (1954) as:

$$F_{eff} = \sum X_i \cos \theta_i / \sum \cos \theta_i$$

where  $X_i$  is a fetch of  $\theta_i$  direction.

The effective fetch at Ky Ha / Dung Quat area is as shown in Figure A 4.3.9. The longest



effective fetch is 1,370 km to the east. It is noted that the ENE direction is to the West Pacific through the Luzon Strait (Bashi Channel), the effective fetch of which is infinite theoretically. Through the gap of the strait, swells created by large typhoons on the Pacific intrude into the South China Sea.

## (2) Estimate of Usual Waves at Danang

Waves generated and propagated by wind in the South China Sea is hindcast from 1 January 1993 to 31 December 1994 (2 hours interval for 2 years) by the method and at the locations as below:

- Waves: Swells by the "3rd generation wave spectral method" based on non-linear energy transfer on the grid of 2.5 degrees interval and  
Wind waves by "significant wave method" based on Wilson's Equation.
- Wind: Data by European Center for Medium Range Weather Forecast (ECMWF)
- Locations: 2 locations at (N15.0 deg. and E 110.0 deg.) and (N 17.5 deg. and 107.5 deg.)

Frequency distributions of offshore deepwater waves are estimated as shown in Table A 4.3.3 (1) and (2) for the above two years. At the both locations, the most frequent wave direction is ENE.

Next, the offshore deep water waves at Danang are interpolated by the waves obtained at the above two locations, which in turn propagated onto the shore in front of Lien Chieu at a depth of 11 m, taking account of shoaling, refraction, breaking and diffraction of the waves to obtain the maximum significant waves expected during the two years. The result is given in Table 4.3.4.

**Table 4.3.4 Estimated Usual Maximum Waves at Lien Chieu**

Wave direction	1993 - 1994			
	Offshore (deep water)		At site (-11 m)	
	H <sub>1/3</sub> (m)	T <sub>1/3</sub> (sec)	H <sub>1/3</sub> (m)	T <sub>1/3</sub> (sec)
NNW	1.9	5.6	-	-
N	3.9	7.8	-	-
NNE	3.5	7.6	2.6	7.6
NE	3.6	8.0	2.8	8.0
ENE	3.8	8.5	2.9	8.5
E	3.2	7.9	-	-

Source: JICA Study Team

### (3) Hindcast Waves by Typhoons in the Past

#### 1) Verification of the Method of Wave Hindcast

Wave hindcast method employed here is a wave spectral method called MRI-JWA Model, which was developed by the Meteorological Research Institute and Japan Weather Association. The model deals with a typhoon by assuming circular isobars and computes the wind field taking account of the gradient wind, frictional resistance on the sea surface and the wind accompanied by the movement of the typhoon. The growth, propagation and decay of the waves are calculated only in the deep sea based on the energy balance equation of two dimensional wave spectrum in consideration of growth by wind, energy dissipation by breaking and internal friction, energy loss by adverse wind, etc.

The wave calculations are done by a zooming method on the three fields covering the whole South China Sea as well as the sea surrounding the Philippines as the Large Field and the central coastal area of Vietnam as the Small Field. The particulars and maps of the three fields are presented in Table 4.3.5 and Figure A 4.3.10.

**Table 4.3.5 Particulars of the Fields of Typhoon Wave Calculation**

Field	Grid number	Grid interval (km)	Time step (minutes)	Calculation period	Boundary Condition
Large	31 x 21	100	120	Whole life of the typhoon	Treated as land
Medium	31 x 29	50	60	Whole life of the typhoon	Grids of the Large Field
Small	111 x 101	5	7.5	48 hours around the peak of waves	Grids of the Medium Field

Source: JICA Study Team

This model is applied to Typhoon *Iritz* and the results of the wave calculation are compared at Danang and Dung Quat (Ky Ha) as shown in Figure A 4.3.11 (1) and (2). The actual and hindcast waves coincide with each other very well at the peak. In other words, this model is proved to be applicable and useful for the purpose of this study.

## 2) Hindcast Waves by the Past 30 Typhoons

Wave hindcasts are carried out based on the above method for the past 30 typhoons from 1961 to 1997, which were selected from the most affected typhoons to the central coast of Vietnam. The results at Chan May, Danang and Dung Quat (Ky Ha) are shown in Table A 4.3.6.

The highest waves obtained were those generated by Typhoon *Harriot* (No. 7112). The significant wave heights are 10.6 m, 10.8 m and 8.4 m at Chan May, Danang and Dung Quat (Ky Ha), respectively. It is understood by the U.S. Navy's statistics that there is a possibility of these extraordinary high waves, which can be generated by a typhoon in the South China Sea.

## 3) Statistical Deepwater Waves by Typhoons at Danang

In order to evaluate the design offshore deepwater waves for a certain return period, the above results of hindcast waves by the past 30 typhoons are analyzed by means of statistical treatment. The results are shown in Figure A 4.3.12 which is the best fitting distribution, applying the Weibull distribution with an exponent,  $k$ , of 2.0.

The significant wave height,  $H_{1/3}$ , and its period,  $T_{1/3}$ , are 9.7 m and 13.8 sec., respectively, for the return period of 50 years. They are denoted hereinafter as  $H_0$  and  $T_0$ , respectively, as the offshore deepwater wave to be considered in the design of port facilities.

## (4) Waves by Typhoons Estimated in the Planned Port at Lien Chieu

### 1) Locations of Wave Calculation and Calculation Method of Wave Propagation

The locations of the calculation of waves in the harbor are shown in Figure A 4.3.13. The calculation method of wave propagation from the offshore deepwater to these locations takes account of the following conditions:

- a. Tidal level : H.W.L. = C.D.L. + 1.4m
- b. Refraction of irregular waves due to shallow water of parallel contour lines (Refraction coefficient:  $K_r$ , refracted wave angle:  $\alpha_p$ )
- c. Diffraction of irregular waves due to cape(s) by the energy dispersion method (Diffraction coefficient:  $K_H$ ).

- d. Diffraction of irregular waves due to breakwater(s) by diffraction diagrams (Diffraction coefficient:  $K_d$ ).
- e. Shoaling and breaking of irregular waves in the harbor (Combined shoaling and breaking coefficient:  $K_b$ )

## 2) Waves Estimated in the Planned Port of Lien Chieu

The wave directions of the above offshore deepwater wave are taken as the northeast, east-northeast and east for safe estimate. The wave period is assumed not to change for simplification of the calculation.

The results of the calculation are summarized in Table A 4.3.7. The estimated highest significant wave height,  $H_{1/3}$ , and maximum wave height,  $H_{max}$ , are 6.0 m and 8.3 m, respectively, at the Locations MS1.

## 4.4 Current

### 4.4.1 Ocean Current

Ocean current in the South China Sea and off the coast of central Vietnam is shown in Figure A 4.4.1. The surface current changes by the effect of monsoons on the sea. Along the central coast of Vietnam, the current direction is predominantly northerly (from north) except the southwest monsoon in summer when the current flows opposite. The speed of the current in this area is not high, or less than 1.3 knots.

More detailed information on the average current in the northwest South China Sea is provided by the Japan Oceanographic Data Center (JODC) as the monthly average current from 1953 to 1994 (42 years).

### 4.4.2 Tidal Current Observation in Danang Bay by the JICA Study Team

Tidal currents were measured at six points in Danang Bay by the Study Team in December 1997, the locations of which are shown in Figure A 4.4.2. Harmonic constants are calculated and those of the major four components and residual current are tabulated in Table A 4.4.1.

In general the tidal current in the bay is slow in speed. The most dominant component is

O1 and the next is K1. The distributions of the tidal ellipses of M2 component and residual current are shown in Figures A 4.4.3 and A 4.4.4, respectively. One of the important characteristics of the current pattern in the bay is the direction of overall flow, which is counter clockwise in the bay.

#### 4.5 Storm Surge

Storm surge, which is caused by low air pressure and wind tide due to typhoons as well as effects of coastal topography, is important for port planning and coastal protection planning where strong typhoons attack. Along the coastline of Vietnam, storm surge is one of the critical problems at the inner area of the Gulf of Tongking.

In the Study Areas, according to a research now undergoing at the Center for Marine Environment Survey, Research & Consultation (CMESRC), Institute of Mechanics, in Hanoi, probability of occurrence of storm surge height at Danang is 95 % for 50 cm, 4% for 100 cm, 1% for 150 cm and less than 0.1% for higher than 200 cm based on data from 1950 to 1990.

Actual storm surges at Son Tra in Danang, and Chan May Bay were measured simultaneously on 1 November 1995.<sup>1</sup> They were caused by Typhoon 9521 (Zack) which was one of the most severe typhoons affected the Study Areas in the past 40 years. The heights of storm surges at Danang and Chan May were about 35 cm and 32 cm, respectively.

In the Study Areas, the issue of the effect of storm surge can be considered not very critical. In the port and coastal planning, however, the Highest High Water Level (HHWL) at Danang, i.e. CDL +2.35 m, can be taken account for planning and design of relevant facilities.

It is noted that the Dung Quat Bay has quite particular geography, among others existence of the cape with mountains to the east and the direction of the coastline open to the north. Because of it, the most dangerous wind directions in view of storm surges are north to north -west. Such strong wind can be created by typhoons passing not only south side but also north side of the Dung Quat Bay.

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<sup>1</sup> Dept. River & Marine Engg., Institute of Physics-HCM City Branch "Report on Study and Investigation for Establishment of Chan May Deep Sea Port and Industrial Zone in Thua Thien-Hue Province" Dec. 1995.

## 4.6 Rainfall

Rainfall volume and its intensity are important factors to discuss design of drainage system in port planning, river discharge of sediment, and other environmental subjects.

The annual volume of rainfall in the past 10 years (1986 to 1995) is on average 1,739 mm (max: 2,865 mm in 1995, min: 1,670 mm in 1989) at Danang.\*

The data of monthly maximum daily rainfall (maximum of daily rainfall in each month) are statistically analyzed by the Study Team for the above 10 years and the result is shown in Figure A 4.6.1. This Figure A 4.6.1 reveals that, as far as the daily rainfall intensity is concerned, the extreme maximum in the above period of 10 years was 398 mm/day at Quang Ngai on 6 October 1992. It was not due to typhoons, but possibly by tropical depressions.

These intense rainfall can cause flood and enormous river discharge into the sea.

## 4.7 Sediment Transport

### 4.7.1 Sediment Supply in the Study Areas

Provision of sediment from a river and transport of the sediment in a coastal water is an important subject from the viewpoint of port and coastal planning as well as environmental conservation. Accumulation of sediment and erosion of seabed and coast due to phenomena such as "siltation" and "littoral drift" could cause serious problems sometimes.

Sediment from rivers in the central region of Vietnam is supplied mainly in rainy season normally from September to December with abundant rainfall and accompanied floods.

In the Study Area, there are two river systems, one is large, i.e. the Han -Thu Bong River, and the other is relatively small, i.e. the Cu De River. The approximate dimensions of the river systems are shown in Table 4.7.1. These rivers are not major ones in the country such as the Red River and the Mekong River. The lengths of the Cu De River and Cu Nhi River are not long.

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\* /Hydro-meteorological Data Center: 10 Years Meteorological Characteristics (1986-1995)

**Table 4.7.1 River Systems at the Study Area**

Study Area	Name of River	Length of Main* Stream (km)	Basin Area* (km <sup>2</sup> )	Flood Volume (1,000 m <sup>3</sup> /sec)
Danang Bay	Han River	197	6,360	2,300**
	Cu De River	37	410	NA
	Cu Nhi River	7	19	NA

\* Based on 1/250,000 maps published by the General Department of Land Administration.

\*\* Source : Vietnam Hydro-meteorological Bureau "Data on Current Flow at Han River and Nam O River, 1998"

JICA Study Team carried out a survey of river discharge at the three rivers on 15 and 16 in December 1997. It was during the ebb tide. The result is shown in Table 4.7.2 parallel to the data taken by the Vietnam Hydro-meteorological Bureau as well as estimate of water and sediment discharges by the JICA Study Team. These volumes are very large in the Son Han River and very small in the Cu Nhi River.

**Table 4.7.2 Observed and Estimated Conditions of River Discharge into Danang Bay**

Items	Unit	Son Han	Cu De	Cu Nhi	Remarks
Observed water discharge	m <sup>3</sup> /sec				By H.M Bureau
Dry Season (average)		90	20	-	In June 1995
Rainy Season (average)		420-890	-	-	In November 1994
Flood time (maximum)		2,300	-	-	In Sept-Nov 1997
Observed discharges					By JICA Study Team
Water discharge	m <sup>3</sup> /sec	390	190	1.2	in December 1997.
SS	mg/l	84	67	36	During ebb tide
Sediment supply	kg/sec	33	13	0.04	
	m <sup>3</sup> /day	1,060	430	1.3	
Estimated water discharge	m <sup>3</sup> /sec				
Dry Season		90	20	0	
Rainy Season		400	200	1	
Estimated sediment supply	m <sup>3</sup> /day				
Dry Season		5	1	0	
Rainy Season		40	8	0	

In the Study Areas, the largest river system is of the Thu Bon River, which is shown in Figure A 4.7.1. There are many weirs and water reservoirs. Water resource in the system is going to be developed for irrigation, supply of portal water, and provision of electricity, which will affect the volume of the river flow and sediment supply in the future.

#### 4.7.2 General Features of Beach Erosion and Siltation in the Study Areas

According to a study by the Marine Hydro-meteorological Center (MHMC), beaches neighboring the Study Areas are suffering from a large-scale erosion. Examples of critical beaches are the sand dunes in Thua Thien - Hue Province and beaches at the mouth of the Cua Dai River, i.e. the exit of the Thu Bon River, in Quang Nam Province. Major reasons of the beach erosion can most probably be attributed to development of dams along the rivers and exposure of the beaches to high waves during the NE monsoon.

According to studies by the Institute of Oceanography, Nha Trang, the residual direction of sediment transport along the central coasts is from north to south.

#### 4.7.3 Sediment Distribution Analysis by the JICA Study Team

In order to know the trend of the sediment transport in the Study Areas, the JICA Study Team carried out sea bottom sediment sampling at 100 points each in the Chan May Bay, Danang Bay, and Dung Quat Bay in April and May 1997. The samples were analyzed by sieve tests and settlement tests to draw particle size distribution and to derive median diameter,  $d_{50}$ .

Figure A 4.7.2 shows the percentage distribution of clay and silt (diameter < 63 microns) in Danang Bay. High concentration of silt/clay of more than 90 % is commonly observed at almost all the areas in the bay, except at the exit of the rivers and at near-shore areas, which implies the supply of small size sediment to the areas from the rivers.

#### 4.7.4 Possibility of Erosion and Accumulation of Beach

In order to estimate the change of the shoreline due to construction of Lien Chieu Port, One Line Theory is applied to the beach at the inner Danang Bay area.

One Line Theory is based on an understanding that the longshore sediment movement is mainly governed by the energy flux of the incident waves that approach the beach with a certain angle to the bottom contours and shoreline configuration. The volume of sediment movement is simply governed by two terms, one is by declined angle of the incident waves to shoreline (coefficient of transport:  $K_1$ ) and the other is by slope of wave height of breakers to the longshore direction (coefficient of transport:  $K_2$ ). Various parameters involved in the calculation including  $K_1$  and  $K_2$  are determined by observed data and verification of present change of the shoreline.



Then, the same parameters will be applied to the calculation of prediction of shoreline movement for future layout of port facilities.

The most important parameter is waves, which are taken from the data of wave hindcast from January 1993 to December 1994. Sediment diameter ( $D_{50}$ ) is from the measurement by the JICA Study Team. River discharge is based on the estimate of the Team. The values of  $K_1$  and  $K_2$  are as follows:

$$K_1 = 0.006 \quad \text{and} \quad K_2 = 0.060$$

The result of the calculation of the cases of ISP and Master Plan is shown in Figure A 4.7.3. In the Lien Chieu Port, no serious change in the shoreline might be expected. However, when the breakwater will be constructed and extended, careful observation of the change in the shoreline should be carried out and, if necessary, appropriate measures should be taken. On the other hand, there could be some influences to the beach between the mouths of Cu De River and Han River.

#### 4.7.5 Anticipated Sedimentation in the Planned Channel at ISP Stage in Lien Chieu

Prediction of sedimentation/siltation in a channel and/or a basin is a still difficult subject in the field of port engineering unless there are data of actual volume of sedimentation/siltation occurred in the existing one in the past. Here, a preliminary analysis of expected volume of sedimentation is tried by means of the Local Sand Drift Model which is one of the three dimensional computer simulation models categorized as Water Depth Model.

This model employs the equations of continuity and sand drift volume on the seabed. In this analysis, the vertical variation of sand drift and effect of tidal current are neglected for simplicity. The model takes account of the wave-induced current (effect of height, period and direction of in situ waves), and specific gravity and median diameter ( $D_{50}$ ) of the bottom materials. In the equations, there are three important coefficients, i.e. sand drift volume coefficients by current,  $A_c$ , and by wave,  $A_w$ , and Shields Number,  $\psi_c$ . Computations were carried out for ISP in the case of waves observed at the mouth of Danang and Ky Ha, measured figure of:

$$D_{50} = 0.013 \text{ mm}, \quad A_c = 1.0, \quad A_w = 0.5 \quad \text{and} \quad \psi_c = 0.11.$$

The area and depth of the channel and basin are divided into four areas with depths of 11m, 10m, 9m, and 8m. Shallower basins are excluded from this analysis.

The result is that the sedimentation volume to be expected in one year is 52,000 m<sup>3</sup>. In consideration of variable nature of  $A_w$  normally from 0.2 to 0.9, the sedimentation volume could be the order from 50,000 to 100,000 m<sup>3</sup> per year.

It shall be emphasized that this figure is very preliminary one. It is strongly recommended that in-detailed site surveys and thorough simulation should be carried out most preferably by means of the latest Transport-Diffusion Model taking account of currents both by waves and tides. One of the means to evaluate the result definitely is to measure experimentally actual sedimentation volume and speed by digging a test pit at the site of the channel and basins.

#### **4.7.6 Subjects to be further Studied/Monitored**

There are some other important subjects to be further studied and/or monitored. Among other items, the following two subjects are very important:

##### **(1) Regular Survey of Shoreline and Bathymetry**

To accumulate the base data at the project execution stage, these two kinds of survey are very essential and to be carried out in and around the project area hopefully once a year.

##### **(2) Study on the Mechanism of Sedimentation and Siltation**

These two subjects are among the most difficult engineering themes. However, the JICA Study Team has confirmed that the rivers flowing into Danang Bay are tidal rivers and there is a clear formation of "salt water wedge" as shown in Figure A 4.7.4. These data were taken from the first bridge of each river. It implies that sedimentation/siltation in Danang Bay has a possibility of being governed by very characteristic phenomenon and its scale. Future study should take into account these subjects in terms of their depth and scale.