



HCMC determined to push up hi-tech medical park project

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The conference between Ho Chi Minh City and the investor, Hoa Lam-Shangri-La Healthcare Joint Venture Company on May 9, held in the city, had met to discuss solutions to investment's obstacles to push up the construction speed of the hi-tech medical park in Binh Tan district.

A representative of Hoa Lam-Shangri-La Company told the participants about the construction of 40 hectare Thanh Do Hospital with 500 beds. The foundation, the basement, and the first floor have been built.

The investor has submitted its document to the ministries of Defense and Transport for construction of ground for using helicopter in emergency.

Vice chairman of Ho Chi Minh City People's Committee Hua Ngoc Thuan asked the investor to try to finish construction of the hospital so as to operate it at the end of 2012. He also told the investor to work with relevant agencies to check waste water process and Binh Tan district authority to facilitate the \$770 million project by constructing infrastructure.



*City International
Hospital under
construction in the Hi-
tech Healthcare Park in
district Binh Tan*

The International Hi-Tech Healthcare Park, Vietnam's first and only premier international healthcare development, locates at 532A Kinh Duong Vuong Street in Binh Tri Dong Ward, about 20 minutes' drive from the city's central business district via the newly-completed East-West Highway.

At the press conference, was granted the investment license in 2008 but until April, 2009, the investor was given the land use rights and next year the construction license, said Tran Thi Lam, chairwoman of the Hoa Lam-Shangri-La Healthcare Limited Liability Company.

Ms. Lam said the hi-tech healthcare park project involves investors from Vietnam, Malaysia, Singapore and the UK.

Despite some hiccups along the way, the Hoa Lam Company usually encourages foreign investors to spend the hi-tech medical park, Ms. Lam told Sai Gon Giai Phong newspaper. In addition, she said her company has signed a contract with the Singapore-based leading private healthcare group in Asia Parkway Health.

Ms. Lam hoped relevant and media to support the project since the project will help reduce rich patients to go to foreign countries for treatment.

Parkway Health has been chosen to manage and operate the hi-tech health zone, according to local media.

A delegation from the largest health corporation in Singapore, led by deputy chairman Goh Jin Hian, son of former Singaporean Prime Minister Goh Chok Tong, visited HCM City and the park on February 25.

Former Health Minister Tran Thi Trung Chien met Parkway Health's deputy chairman Goh Jin Hian last month in Singapore. Former Health Minister Tran Thi Trung Chien, Tran Thi Lam, Dr. Goh Jin Hian và other doctors of Parkway talked about personnel plant and development strategies of the hospital in Vietnam. under the plan, around 320 nurses will be recruited for the hospital.

The former health minister and her delegation also visited the hospital Gleneagles – one of Parkway's four prestigious in Singapore.