

Historical of Southern Provinces (continued)

Province of Đinh Tường (ex My Tho and Go Công)

Background:

By presidential Decree No 143 - NV dated October 22, 1956 the provinces of My Tho and Go Công were united for forming a new one named Đinh Tường and having My Tho as capital. The new province comprises 7 delegations: Đinh Tường, Bên Tranh, Cho Gao, Cai Bè, Cai Lây, (My Tho), Go Công and Hoà Đông (Go Công)

Formerly, Đinh Tường was one of the six provinces of South region. One found there many historical vestiges such as the tombs of Marshals Lê Van Duyệt and Le van Phong in the village of Long Hứng, canton of Thuận Bình.

Delegation of My Tho capital

Geographical situation: This delegation is bounded at East side by Cho Gao delegation, at West by Cai Lây delegation, at South by the Mêkong, at North by Tân An province,

Superficies: 42,000 hectares

Population: 123,575 Vietnamese, 8 cambodian, 1 Indian
171 Chinese.

Most of the Vietnamese are farmers. The Chinese live on commerce.

Lines of Communication: The waterway network comprises:

- the Mêkong runs 17 Kilometers long through the villages of Bình Đức, Long Thuận, Kim Sơn, Phu Phong.
- the canal Lacombe which connects the Mêkong and Ba Beo canal and runs 18 Kilometers long through the villages of Bình Đức Long Hứng, Long Bình, Hung Thanh My.

- the Rach Gâm runs 10 Kilometers long through the villages of Kim Sơn, Ban Long.
- the Ba Beo canal connects Phu My village and Húng Thanh village
- the Ong Lon canal runs through the villages of Húng Thanh My, Nhị Binh, Long Đình, Tam Hiệp and ends at Chở Bung
- the river of Bao Dinh waters the villages of Dao Thanh, Trung An, Long An, Tam Hiep.

The road system comprises:

- the railway connecting My Tho-Saigon runs 18 kilometers long through the villages of Trung An, Dao Thanh, Tân Cửu Nghĩa, Tân Hiệp, Tân Ly Tây, Tân Hưởng.
- the Saigon - Camau national road No 4 runs 30 kilometers long through the villages of Tân Hưởng, Tân Ly Tây, Tân Hiệp; Tân Cửu Nghĩa, Long An, Trung An, Phước Thanh, Long Binh, Nhị Binh, Hưởng Diêm and Diêm Hy.
- the provincial road No 25 connecting Mỹ-Tho - CaiBe runs 17 kilometers long through the villages of Binh Đức, Song Thuần, Kim Sơn and Phu Phong.
- the communal road No 4 which begins at Binh Đức and ends at Tân Cửu Nghĩa and covers 15 kilometers long through Thanh Phu Phước Thanh, Tam Hiệp.
- the communal road No 5 connecting Song Thuần, Ba Beo, covers 20 kilometers long through Kim Sơn, Vinh Kim; Đông Hoa, Long Đình.

- the communal road No 10 connecting Tân Hiệp - Phu My, covers 10 kilometers long through Tân Ly Đông, Tân Hôi Đông, Tân Hoa Thanh.

Administration:

This delegation has 3 cantons and 32 villages:

- Hưng Nhớn canton has 9 villages (Hung Thanh My, Phu My, Tân Hoa Thanh, Tân Hôi Đông, Tân Ly Đông, Tân Hương, Tân Hiệp, Tân Cửu Nghĩa, Tân Ly Tây)
- Thuận Bình canton has 13 villages (Bản Long, Bình Trung, Dương Diêm, Diêm Hy, Hữu Đào, Kim Sơn, Long Dinh, Long Hưng Nhi Bình, Phú Phong, Song Thân, Vinh Kim)
- Thuận Trị canton has 10 villages (Bình Đức, Đào Thanh, Long An, Phú Đức, Phú Túc, Phước Thành, Tam Hiệp, Thanh Phú, Thới Sơn, Trung An).

Agriculture:

The cultivable surface is 42,000 hectares

Surface for rice growing	36,000 hectares
Fruit trees	4,000 hectares
Sweet potato, maize, sugar cane	500 -
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Vegetables	400 -

The main resource of this delegation is paddy, the annual production of which amounts to 33,000 tons

The annual income amounts to 8 million piasters

Commerces:

There are 5 brick-made markets in this delegation:

Vinh Kim market comprises 43 shops

Tân Hiệp market comprises 39 shops

Thanh Phu market comprises 21 shops

Tân Hôi Đông market comprises 16 shops

Phu My market comprises 13 shops

Industry and Handicraft:

There are 27 ricemills, 23 hand sawmills, 4 mechanical ricemills, 5 brickyard, 10 factories of fish sauce, 1 factory of mosaic tile, 3 jewellers' shops, 2 workshop of furnitures, 1 workshop for the construction of boat, 1 workshop for mat making created by the refugees.

Religion:

- Buddhist 30 o/o of the population
- Catholic 25 o/o of the population
- Caodaist 10 o/o of the population

Education:

This delegation has 26 public schools with 119 classes, 107 teachers and 6,468 pupils. There are 7 private classes with 7 teachers and 409 pupils.

Public Health:

There are 1 maternity, 1 dispensary and 27 first-aid stations for the distribution of medicament.

Agrarian Reform:

The Agrarian Reform program is being carried out satisfactorily. 338,425\$ had been loaned to the needy farmers. Fertilizers were distributed free or sold at low price, 66 Thai buffaloes had been sold on credit to them.