GENERAL INFORMATION OF THESIS

Name of title: Development of the Southern Focal Economic Zone resources in the course of industrialization, modernization and international integration.

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I. SUMMARY OF THESIS

1.1. RESEARCH OBJECTIVES AND QUESTIONS

1.1.1. Research objectives

Firstly: To clarify argument rationale on development of the focal economic zone's resources in the course of industrialization and modernization and international integration.

Secondly: To analyze and evaluate the current situation of the resources and the Southern Focal Economic Zone (SFEZ) resources development in the period of establishment and development up to 2014.

Thirdly: To recommend solutions to improve the resource quality for sustainable development of the SFEZ in the course of industrialization and modernization and international integration.

1.1.2. Research questions

Firstly, what is the current situation of the resources and the SFEZ resources development during recent years?

Secondly, what is the role and impacts of the SFEZ's resources in the course of industrialization, modernization and international integration?

Thirdly, what are feasible solutions to enhance the development and improve the quality of the SFEZ's resources in the course of industrialization, modernization and international integration?

1.2. RESEARCH SUBJECTS AND SCOPE

1.2.1. Research subjects

The research subjects are resources and resources development (resources of human, investment, and science - technology) of the SFEZ and evaluating the role and impact of the resources on the Southern focal economic zone's development in the course of industrialization, modernization and international integration.

Researching and recommending solutions to enhance the development of resources and resource quality of the SFEZ in the period of industrialization, modernization and international integration.

1.2.2. Research scope

Content: Researching resources and resources development (resources of human, investment, and science - technology) of the SFEZ in the course of industrialization, modernization and international integration; Analyzing and evaluating current situation of resources and development of resources of labor force, investment capital, science and technology of the SFEZ in the process of industrialization, modernization and international integration.

Location: The Southern focal economic zone consists of Ho Chi Minh City and provinces of Dong Nai, Binh Duong, Binh Phuoc, Tay Ninh, Ba Ria - Vung Tau, Long An and Tien Giang.

Period: From the establishment of the SFEZ (1993) to the year of 2014. The analysis and evaluation of the resources and development of resources of labor force, investment capital, science and technology are focused on the period of 2001-2014.

1.3. RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

Dialectical materialism method: This method is applied to consider phenomena and the process of resources development, common relations and mutual impact in the non-stop development of the resources of the SFEZ. Scientific awareness of the resources development should be based on changes and the development in changing context of the economy and internationally economic integration tendency.

Logical and historical method: used to systematize points of view and theories of the resources and resources quality in the economy; to express the role and impacts of the resources in the sustainable development of the focal economic zone.

Scientific abstraction method: used to sort contingent elements out of the research process, have a good grasp of the nature of resources development; formation, growth and objective relations between the resources and the sustainable development of the focal economic zone in the course of industrialization and modernization of the nation.

Analysis and aggregation method: used to analyze and assess the role and impacts of the resources on general economy and on the SFEZ particularly in the course of industrialization, modernization and international economic integration. On that basis, the movement and enhancement of the SFEZ's resources in the period of industrialization and modernization will be understood specifically

Modeling method: to describe in a simple and reasonable way the focal economic zone's resources through written texts, charts, or graphs, ect, according to optimal economic theories of macro and micro economy. The model of SFEZ has been established and developed upon a

number of quantitative changing norms and ways in the particular relation with the economy of Vietnam.

Economically statistics method: to collect and aggregate data of the resources through yearly statistics books published by Statistical Department and provincial Statistical Office of the provinces of the SFEZ and from other assembled reports.

Standard parameters are produced in form of statistic data to analyze and evaluate the relation among the SFEZ's resources. Analyze and aggregate collected data. The analysis and statistic data presented in tables, charts or graphs represent the actual value of the SFEZ.

Collecting the practical data of the SFEZ is done from 2001 up to present. The actual aggregated values form number sequence upon time.

1.4. STRUCTURE OF THE THESIS

Besides the introduction, conclusion and reference list, the thesis consists of 4 following chapters:

Chapter 1. Literature overview and thesis analysis framework.

Chapter 2. Theoretical rationale of the resource development of the SFEZ in the course of industrialization, modernization and international integration.

Chapter 3. The current situation and impacts of the resources on the SFEZ development in the course of industrialization, modernization and international integration.

Chapter 4. Key solutions to enhance and improve the quality of the SFEZ resources in the course of industrialization, modernization and international integration

II. NEW CONTRIBUTION OF THE THESIS

2.1. Initiative outcomes of the thesis

Firstly: Systematizing theoretical rationale of the resources, role and impacts of the resources on the SFEZ during the course of industrialization and modernization.

Secondly: Analyzing and evaluating the current situation of the resources and resource development (resources of human, investment, and science - technology) of the SEFZ during the past years; identifying success, weakness, challenges and opportunities of the resource development.

Thirdly: Recommending feasible solutions to enhance and improve the quality and effectiveness of the resources of human, investment capital, science and technology for a sustainable growth of the SFEZ in the process of industrialization, modernization and international integration.

2.2. Conclusion

Upon the objectives and tasks, the thesis focused on the following key contents:

Firstly, systematic presentation on theoretical rationale of resources development of the focal economic zone; role of resources in the SFEZ's socio-economic development in the course of industrialization, modernization and international integration; requirements and contents of evaluating the focal economic zone's resources.

Secondly, studying experience of China, Thailand, Malaysia during developing resources from which resulting in lessons learned for developing the resources for the focal economic zones of Vietnam in general as well as for the SFEZ in particular.

Thirdly, systematizing the process of establishment and development of the SFEZ; analyzing potentials, strength, impacts and contribution of the SFEZ in enhancing the national economy in recent years, especially the onset of industrialization, modernization and international integration since 2001 to present.

Fourthly, analyzing and evaluating the development of resources and their impacts on socio-economic growth of the SFEZ during 2001 – 2014 such as: economic growth rate chỉ tiêu, economic structure shifting, export growth, attraction of development and investment capital, attraction of labor, science and technology development; qualitatively analyzing influence of the resource development of the SFEZ in the common socio-economic growth of the country.

Fifthly, evaluation of strength, shortcomings, opportunities and challenges during enhancing the SFEZ's resources upon the requirements of sustainable development in the period of industrialization, modernization and international integration. On that basis, potentials and advantages of resource development of the SFEZ are identified.

Sixthly, identification of objectives and orientation for development of the SFEZ by the year 2025 and of vision by the year 2030.

Seventhly, viewpoints, objectives and orientation of development of the SFEZ resources in the course of industrialization, modernization and international integration by the year 2020 and of vision by the year.

Eighthly, recommendation of solutions for enhancement of the SFEZ resources ensuring the comprehension among measures, policies and functional mechanism. Implementation of planning, plans and objectives as well as performance of activities among the SFEZ provinces and between the SFEZ and other areas in the country.

III. APPLICATIONS/ APPLICABILITY TO THE REALITY OR OPEN ISSUES NEED CONTINOUS RESEARCH

Firstly, the thesis is a document providing with scientific and practical values to managers, policy makers in planning and improving the resources for the SFEZ in the course of industrialization, modernization and international integration.

Secondly, the thesis is proven applicable to the reality in effectively developing the SFEZ resources in the course of industrialization, modernization and international integration.

Thirdly, the thesis is a reference document for researching and studying in universities. It has practical significance in strengthening the resources in general and those of the focal economic zone in particular.

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