



# Hue

**Conservation, restoration and embellishment of Hue Citadel Relics (Household relocation, site clearance in Hue Citadel Zone I belonging to the complex of Hue monuments).**

## CHAPTER I: OVERVIEW OF THE PROJECT

### I. Necessity of investment

The Complex of Hue Monuments has a historical and cultural value recognized by UNESCO as the cultural heritage of mankind, and is an invaluable cultural asset of the country. Preservation of the cultural heritage of Hue ancient capital is to preserve the nation's cultural asset, contribute to preserving and educating the tradition and cultural identity, raise the cultural enjoyment of people, enrich the cultural treasure of humanity.

Hue ancient capital is a rare model in planning and building; an Eastern feudal capital retaining quite intact the overall artistic architecture of the royal court, with the system of citadel, palaces, temples, mausoleums, pagodas, bridges, etc. It is a huge treasure of tangible cultural heritages of international stature and value, which should continue to be preserved and embellished in accordance with the international conventions on the protection of culture and heritage to which Vietnam is a party.

Hue ancient capital is a harmonious combination among human being, architecture and natural landscape, a typical of the type of landscape architecture, an architectural type imbued with national identity and rich humanity. This feature poses a very strict requirement to protect both the whole monument, including architectural works associated with the natural landscapes and tangible cultural heritages accompanied by protect, promote cultural and spiritual values.

Hue cultural heritage is the artistic masterpiece of the working people, the labor fruit of the team of artisans with “golden hands” who are the most talented and outstanding of the country through many generations. The conservation and promotion of cultural heritages have an important meaning in building Hue Festival city, contributing to promoting tourism and socio-economic development of Thua Thien Hue province, the Central and the whole nation.

The Complex of Hue Monuments is seriously degraded over time and by the impacts of natural disasters, climate change and especially human, in which many valuable monuments will gradually fade away if they are not promptly restored or embellished; at Conclusion No. 48-KL/TW dated 25/05/2009, the Politburo affirmed “Restoring, embellishing, protecting and promoting the heritage of Hue ancient capital is the responsibility of Party Committee, authority, people of Thua Thien Hue and the whole country ...”.

The process of urbanization, the annual natural and mechanical increase of population create the great pressure on the protection zone of monuments; in which, Hue Citadel Zone I has about 3,000 households.



In order to restore, embellish, protect and promote the heritage of the Hue ancient capital, the Prime Minister issued Decision 105/ TTg dated February 12, 1996 approving the project of planning for conservation and promotion of values of Hue ancient capital relics (hereinafter referred to as Decision No. 105/ TTg). For more than 10 years (1996 - 2009), the conservation of Hue ancient capital relics has overcome the stage of emergency rescue. However, there are still lots of systems of monuments requiring for the restoration and embellishment and some of which are heavily damaged. To remain conserving and embellishing Hue ancient capital relics, the Prime Minister issued Decision No. 818/ QD-TTg dated June 7, 2010 approving the proposal on adjusting the planning for conservation and promotion of values of Hue ancient capital relics in the period 2010-2020 (hereinafter referred to as Decision 818/ QD-TTg) with the aim: “Conserving the cultural heritages of Hue ancient capital. Promoting the precious values of the cultural heritage of Hue the ancient capital, including the tangible and intangible cultural heritages, the cultural heritages of the natural and urban landscape environment in education of preservation of the national cultural tradition and identity as well as enhancement of the people's cultural enjoyment”.

In order to realize the above objectives to effectively promote the values of Hue ancient capital relics and preserve a vast and typical cultural resource of Vietnamese national culture, step by step establish elements of space, landscape and majestic appearance of an exemplary ancient capital, contributing to embellishing the urban and stabilizing the lives of nearly 20,000 people, creating an important driving force to promote socio-economic development of Thua Thien Hue and the Central; the focus on household relocation out of zone I to protect the monuments of Hue Citadel is an urgent issue today.

## II. Objective of the project proposal

To speed up the heritage urban embellishment and stabilize the lives of more than 10,000 people living in Hue Citadel Zone I.

To increase and step up the conservation and promotion of values of Hue ancient capital relics, conserve the immense and typical cultural resource of Vietnamese national culture.

To create new and attractive tourism products to serve tourists, increase revenues from ticket sales and tourism services, create an important driving force to promote socio-economic development of Thua Thien Hue and the Central.

### Detail objectives

To conserve and promote the cultural heritages of Hue Citadel Zone I,

To complete the relocation, clearance and resettlement of residents in relic protection zone of Hue Citadel Zone I; create landscape and natural environment in the relic zone, embellish cultural landscape, architectural heritage of Hue urban. To create conditions for households moving out of the relic zone to have a stable and better life.



## CHAPTER II: SCOPE OF LAND WITHDRAWAL, COMPENSATION, SUPPORT, RESETTLEMENT OF HUE CITADEL ZONE I

### I. Scope and necessity

Based on the instruction of the Prime Minister approving the implementation of Announcement no. 26/TB-VPCP dated 17/01/2018 on the Conclusion by Mr. Nguyen Xuan Phuc – Prime Minister in the meeting with Thua Thien Hue province in order to prepare the conditions for researching, developing and implementing the special mechanism for the activity of site removal and clearance of Hue Citadel Zone I. The withdrawal of the whole area of 97.5 ha (in which 24.5 ha belongs to Hue Citadel Zone I and 73 ha belongs to Huong So resettlement area) is necessary with the advantages as follows:

The implementation of the resettlement project for the long-term and stable living of the people at their new houses is urgent. The project was put into planning for more than 40 years (since 1976). If the planning prolongs and the land withdrawal is delayed, the living of people will face further difficulties and is prone to further complications. This also creates difficulties for land withdrawal in the future with the rising cost of site clearance becoming burdens to the state budget.

The land withdrawal activity will be conducted continuously from 2019 to 2021 (at Thuong Thanh, Eo Bau areas; Defensive trenches and roads) and from 2022 to 2025 (at Tinh Tam lake, Hoc Hai lake, Xa Tac Altar, Kham Thien Giam relics, Mang Ca area). The implementation will be easy through the appliance of a Policy framework for compensation, support, resettlement (here inafter referred to as Policy framework) for organizations, households, individuals and the community; reducing disputes, accusations and inequality among affected population. Also, this will avoid price dip due to prolonging site clearance.

Hue Citadel Zone I has experienced various wars and the population migration from rural areas to settle and work on the relic area of Hue Citadel Monument Complex, therefore most of the households are unofficial workers with temporary and degraded housing. Without the special support policy, the removal and site clearance will be very difficult because the households do not have adequate conditions to build their own houses and pay for land use rights when they receive the land size for resettlement.

The withdrawal of the whole area of 24.5 ha of Hue Citadel Zone I is suitable with the current situation at the Project planning area. It also fits the expectation and wishes of the people to soon resettle and stabilize their lives at their new houses.