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SOME SOLUTIONS FOR THAI NGUYEN'S SOCIO-ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT IN NEW CONTEXT

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ABSTRACT
Thai Nguyen is a province with many potentialities and strengths in socio-economic development. Over the past years, the province has achieved many remarkable results, the growth rate is always at a high level, and people's living standards are increasingly improved. However, besides the achieved results, the socio-economic situation in the area still has many potential difficulties and challenges. In the current context, Thai Nguyen province needs to continue to promote the achieved aspects and simultaneously apply solutions to overcome the existing limitations to promote the socio-economic development stably and lasting.

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INTRODUCTION

Socio-economic development situation of Thai Nguyen province
In 2020, the socio-economic situation of Thai Nguyen province encountered many difficulties and challenges due to the COVID-19 pandemic, causing many economic indicators to grow slowly or even decrease sharply over the same period (especially in the first 6 months of 2020). In this situation, Thai Nguyen province has effectively implemented measures to prevent epidemics, prevent economic decline, and maintain social stability, as directed by the government. The socio-economic situation of Thai Nguyen province has achieved many remarkable achievements thanks to the efforts of the authorities and people, but there are still many difficulties and challenges.

Achievements
Thai Nguyen is a province with many potentialities and strengths in economic development. Over the past years, Thai Nguyen's economy has achieved many remarkable results with high growth. In 2020, in spite of being affected by the Covid-19 epidemic, with the determination of the authorities at all levels and the entire people, businesses and businessmen, the economic situation of the province continued to develop and reach an increase and even gained positive growth; Social security, order and safety were maintained, and people's lives were stable. Thai Nguyen has successfully organized the twentieth Provincial Party Congress, term 2020 - 2025 and has achieved many development goals and directions in the coming period. Together with the whole country, Thai Nguyen has focused on effective prevention and fighting against Covid-19, creating favorable conditions for economic recovery and development.

Some main targets
Some of the achieved targets of Thai Nguyen province are as follows:
- The economic growth rate in 2020 will reach 4.18%.
- The total product in the province per capita is 88.7 million VND / person / year.
Industrial production value reaches VND 783.6 trillion, up 5.4% over the previous period.
- The total State budget revenue in the province reached 15,555 billion VND, equal to 100% of the estimate.
- The growth rate of the production value of the agriculture, forestry and fishery sector in 2020 compared to 2019 is 3.94%, exceeding the plan.

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- The number of new jobs created for the whole province is 15.6 thousand workers, 4% higher than the plan.
- The rate of poor households in the whole province will decrease by 1.25% compared to 2019.
- The number of communes recognized to meet the new countryside criteria by 2020 is 7, exceeding the plan.

Results of performing socio-economic development tasks

- Economic growth and economic restructuring

The total product in the province in 2020 increased by 4.18% compared to 2019, higher than the average of the whole country and the provinces in the region. Economic structure in 2020, industry and construction sector accounted for 57.8%, agriculture, forestry, and fishery sector accounted for 11.3% and service and product tax accounted for 30.9%.

The total product in the province per capita in 2020 reached 88.7 million VND / person / year, an increase of 5.2 million VND / person compared to 2019 and higher than the national average.

- Industrial production

Industrial production of Thai Nguyen province in 2020 was negatively affected by the Covid-19 epidemic, so the annual growth rate has not been as expected. However, the results were also incredibly positive. The value of industrial production in 2020 gained 783.6 trillion VND, an increase of 5.4% over the same period. In the value of industrial production in the province, the foreign invested sector accounts for the highest proportion (91.4%).

- Agricultural, forestry and fishery production

The production value of agriculture, forestry, and fishery in 2020 reached 14,023.9 billion VND, an increase of 3.94% compared to the previous period, of which the value of agricultural production reached 12,981.7 billion VND, up 3, 61% over the previous year; the production value of the forestry sector reached 553.2 billion VND, an increase of 8.52% over the previous year; production value of the fishery sector reached VND 483 billion, an increase of 7.91% over the previous year.

- The implementation of the new rural construction program

The program of building a new countryside continues to be interested in, led and directed by the Party committees and authorities. The Provincial People's Committee, the Provincial Steering Committee have issued many documents to direct and implement with high determination. In 2020, there were 7 communes meeting new rural standards, bringing the total number of communes meeting new rural standards up to 108 communes, reaching 75.5%, there are no communes under 10 criteria. There were 3/9 district-level units completing the task of building a new countryside, Phu Binh district had 100% of communes meeting new rural standards.

One commune one product program (OCOP) has also been implemented and implemented effectively. In 2020, the province had 51 products rated and rated OCOP with 3-4 stars, exceeding the targeted plan, bringing the total number of products to be evaluated and ranked 3-4 stars of the whole province to 76 products.

- Attracting investment capital and developing enterprises

The total investment capital for social development in the province in 2002 was 41 trillion VND, up 1.4% over the same period. In which, the state economic sector reached 30.6 trillion VND, up 8% over the same period; the foreign invested sector reached 10.4 trillion VND. The total number of enterprises in the province was 7,364 with a total registered capital of nearly 100.2 trillion VND.

- Political security, social order, and safety

The situation of political security, social order and safety in the province was basically stable. In 2020, the functional branches of the province promoted the propaganda and dissemination of the law. In particular, the schools and workers in the industrial zones in the province were paid attention to. Traffic safety solutions were synchronized with a good coordination among localities.

- About health

The prevention and control of epidemics and dangerous infectious diseases have been effectively deployed and implemented. Facing the complicated situation of the Covid-19 epidemic, the province took the initiative and focused on directing drastic implementation of epidemic prevention measures with the slogan "covid epidemic prevention is like enemy prevention", and at the same time direct departments, branches, People's

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Committees of districts, cities, towns, agencies, and units in the province to make plans, best prepare forces, facilities, and be ready to respond to situations.

- *About science and technology*

Scientific research and technology development have focused the provincial socio-economic development tasks. It is necessary to well perform the state management of technology approval of investment projects. the program of scientific research and technology transfer cooperation between Thai Nguyen province and Thai Nguyen University should be effectively implemented. Research results and development of the SARS-CoV-2 Virus detection kits using Real Time PCR technique should be widely published.

Some limitations and difficulties

Economic development of Thai Nguyen city in 2020 has achieved many remarkable achievements. However, besides the advantages, the economy in the area still has many potential difficulties and challenges.

Because of the Covid-19 pandemic and unfavorable weather conditions, production and business in the province faced numerous challenges; many branches and sectors of the economy were severely impacted; the number of businesses ceasing operations increased significantly, indicating that the economy's resilience was not truly solid; competitiveness and autonomy remain limited.

Some key projects and works are still experiencing issues with investment procedures and procedures are unable to ensure a reciprocal capital source for projects, causing implementation to be delayed. Some investment projects are still behind schedule; the local budget lacks capital demand for investment in completing planned programs and projects.

Industrial production is primarily processing and assembling, with low added value and slow development of supporting industries. Raw materials and components for domestic production are still heavily reliant on outside sources, with a domestic proportion of the market still heavily depends on outside suppliers.

Consumption of some traditional industrial products from the province meets difficulties, affecting production pace and the Central State industrial scale; the area's tourism potential has not been fully realized.

The private economy has yet to fulfill its role as an important driving force in the economy, and economic growth has relied primarily on the foreign-invested business sector. The degree of integration between domestic firms and the foreign-invested sector remains limited.

The demand for investment in socioeconomic infrastructure is enormous, particularly in education and training, natural disaster prevention and recovery, but implementation capital cannot be guaranteed. This is a strict requirement on investment procedures and procedures under the Public Investment Law, so many urgent projects have not yet balanced their capital for implementation.

Solutions for the socio-economic development of Thai Nguyen province in the coming period

In the coming period, Thai Nguyen province will continue to develop his socioeconomic situation in the context of a complex and unpredictable global environment, such as slower global economic growth, strategic competition, and trade tensions among countries. Industrial Revolution 4.0 will continue to have a significant impact on all economic and social fields. Many fields, industries, and economic sectors face new challenges because of the revolution. The impact of the Covid -19 epidemic on economic and social life is still complicated. In order to develop the socio-economic of Thai Nguyen province in the coming period, it is necessary to synchronously implement a number of solutions as follows:

Firstly, it is necessary to capitalize on the benefits, achievements, and opportunities of Industrial Revolution 4.0; to restructure industry in the direction of prioritizing groups of industries, high-tech products with high added value, and export goods.

Second, it is vital to mobilize and effectively use resources, focus on developing industries with comparative advantage and making significant contributions to the province's socioeconomic development; mobilize a variety of occupations requiring a large amount of labor to enter rural areas in order to create jobs for laborers; and form industrial clusters fish in rural and mountainous areas.

Thirdly, boosting competitiveness, searching and expanding both home and oversea markets should be promoted by encouraging and creating favorable conditions for enterprises to dominate domestic and foreign

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markets. In addition, policies to stimulate demand, supporting production of export goods, support production and business establishments to access e-commerce should be developed.

Fourthly, continue to effectively implement the mechanisms and policies of the central and the province, especially the policies to encourage investment and agriculture and rural areas according to Resolution No. 05/20219 / NQ-HDND dated July 23, 2019 of the Provincial People's Council and according to the Government's Decree No. 57/2018 / ND-CP. Encourage businesses, cooperatives, organizations, and individuals to invest in agriculture and rural areas by creating favorable conditions and removing obstacles and problems as soon as possible.

Fifth, increase crop and animal structure transformation in response to market demands and adaptation to climate change; apply science and high technology in product production, processing, and preservation to quickly increase productivity, quality, and value while contributing to environmental pollution reduction. Organic agriculture should be promoted in an organic and organic direction.

Sixthly, strengthen the Party's leadership, state management, promote the role of socio-political organizations in organizing and implementing education and training activities, and regularly coordinate closely between levels and branches, from province to grassroots level to direct, organize and implement the education and training development program.

Seventhly, perform well the work of planning, forecasting, proactive formulation, and effective implementation of agricultural production plans, as well as the prevention and control of natural disasters and epidemics Actively implement epidemic prevention measures, actively coordinate with branches and localities in epidemic prevention; improve food and cosmetic hygiene and safety; and promote people's health care.

Eighthly, focus on directing the good implementation of support policies for ethnic minority, remote, and extremely difficult areas such as the program of sustainable poverty reduction, support for production land, residential land, housing and domestic water for poor ethnic minorities and poor households in extremely difficult communes and villages.

Ninthly, develop and implement the project on Strengthening State Management on Environmental Protection in the period 2021 - 2025 in the province of Thai Nguyen. Strengthen the inspection and supervision of the observance of the law on environmental protection, focusing on the inspection and control of environmental pollution, and post-inspection on the environment for investment projects, production and business departments, paying special attention to the types of projects.

Tenth, continue administrative reform, ensure public awareness, and prompt resolution of licensing and land allocation procedures for investors. Maintain and perform well in the Results Reception and Return Department. Creating an open, equal, and unified investment environment for the common development.

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