



***VIETRADE- Lying in the plain of half-mountain half-plain, 28km from Thanh Hóa City to the northwest, Yên Định District has 27 communes and 2 towns, with the total natural area of 228 square kilometers and a population of 173,000 people. The district's main economy is agricultural production. The incessant endeavor and creative labor of the Party Committee, local authorities and people have built up a rural area having a long patriotic and magnanimous tradition, and keeping developing everyday in order to catch up with the innovation progress of the whole nation in the period of global integration.***

Yên Định is an area suffering heavy consequences of the two long-lasting wars against the French and the American. After the great victory of Spring 1975, the Party Committee and people of Yên Định, together with the whole people of the nation, have implemented successfully the renovation task under the spirit of Resolution adopted by the Sixth Party Congress, ardently working and producing, building the nation and gaining comprehensive results in every aspect. The most remarkable period is the 2000-2010 one. In this period, the Party Committee and people have united to work creatively and build the nation industriously and economically, therefore, the district have been granted the honorable title of Hero in the Renovation Period. Thanks to that, the district has gained remarkable results: the economy has developed at a high speed, the infrastructure has been intensified, socio-cultural activities have made positive changes, the people's material and spiritual life has been enhanced, the social welfare ensured, the rural areas have had a new look, national defense and security stabilized, the Party Committee and authorities at all levels have gained trust from the people; the great solidarity of the whole people has been brought into play in the process of building and

protecting of the nation.

Especially, in 2011, although facing many difficulties: complex weather conditions, heavy rains in the beginning of the winter crop, long spell of severe colds in the spring crop, epidemic of brown plant-hopper in the winter crop, heavy inflation in the world and the region, the increasing prices of many commodities, with the direction of the province, the endeavor of the district's Party Committee and the local authorities, the close co-operation between organizations, agencies, industries, unions, and the participation of the whole people, the district fulfilled successfully the set targets. Specifically, the economic growth rate (GDP) reached 16.25%, in which, agro-forestry-fishery increased by 6.41%, industry-construction increased by 25.06%, service by 19.53%; the industry structure in GDP was: agro-forestry-fishery 39.03%, industry-construction 21.25%, service 39.72%; the total output of food from trees and plants bearing seed was 146,166 tons; per capita GDP (current price) was 18.506 million VND; the total value of exported goods was US\$13.58 million; the budget collection increased by 25% in comparison with the set target, etc. Besides, the socio-economic activities made positive changes; the people's life enhanced incessantly; the politico-social security and order were secured, democracy was promoted; the operating management of the authorities at all levels had many advances, meeting better and better the people's requirement.



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