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| **Government formally approves Long Thanh international airport**  HCMC – Deputy Prime Minister Dung has approved the first phase of the Long Thanh International Airport in the southern province of Dong Nai.  The project has four component projects such as headquarters of State managements agencies, flight management services, essential airport facilities, and other works.  Major works such as airport buildings, **the aircraft apron**, passenger terminals, and **cargo** terminals will be built by the ACV, which operates 21 airports across the country.  ACV has to raise funding for the construction.  The first phase of the airport, expected to cost more than US$4.6 billion, is projected to be completed 2025.  The investment was approved by the National Assembly in 2017, which also issued a resolution on **compensation** and **resettlement** of and support for affected individuals and organizations.  PM Phuc urged Dong Nai Province authorities to hand over the required lands in October so that construction of the airport could begin early next year.  He also set a deadline for assessing cleared land for compensation purposes by the end of this month.  The Ministry of Transport should work closely with the province to **promptly** resolve all challenges to ensure the project remains on schedule, he said.  The airport work requires more than 5,000ha of land more than 364ha elsewhere to build two resettlement sites.  Around 4,800 households and 26 organisations are expected to be relocated to make way for it.  Spread over a total area of more than 5,580ha, the airport will **straddle** six communes in Long Thanh District. It is expected to cost $14.47 billion, with the construction divided into three phases.  In the first phase one runway with a length of 4,000m, taxiways, an apron, and a passenger terminal with other auxiliary works involving a total floor area of 373,000 sq.m will be built to serve 25 million passengers and 1.2 million tones of cargo each year.  The airport is expected to have four runways, four passenger terminals and other **auxiliary** works to ensure a capacity of 100 million passengers and 5 million tonnes of cargo a year by 2040.  Tan Son Nhat International Airport in HCMC, the country’s largest, has been seriously overloaded for years, both in the air and on the ground.  The Ministry of Transport said Long Thanh Internaional Airport is a key national project that would have a significant impact on the southern key economic region. | **the aircraft apron:** sân đỗ máy bay.  **Cargo:** goods carried by a ship, aircraft.  **Compensation:** bồi thường.  **Resettlement:** tái định cư.  **Promptly:** exactly on time.  **Straddle:** to spread wide.  **Auxiliary:** secondary or supplementary. |