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| **HCMC announces establishment of new Thu Duc City**  HCMC – HCMC authorities on Thursday passed a resolution for establishing the new Thu Duc City and **revamping** administrative units in its districts and communes.  Its takes affect on Friday with implementation beginning in July.  The city will be established by merging district 2, 9 and Thu Duc and will be the first city to be under the **jurisdiction** of a centrally run city.  It will cover 211.56 square kilometres and be home to more than a million people. It will have 34 wards.  Thu Duc City’s administrative agencies must complete the organisational restructure within 60 days after the resolution comes into force to ensure normal life is not thrown out of **kilter**.  The city will notify the public about where they can get their personal documents modified.  **What is special about the new Thu Duc city?**  Phong, chairman of the HCMC people’s committee, said the new Thu Duc city would be developed into the country’s largest interactive innovation hub.  A master plan for it is being drawn up by enCity consulting company in partnership with Sasaki after winning a design competition held in 2019 for the Highly Interactive Innovation District.  “The formation of a new city will create a **consolidated** government body to oversee the development of the innovation district,” Phong said.  The city is rolling out a strategic plan to engage local communities and foster innovation and entrepreneurship in the area, which is expected to contribute a third of HCMC’s gross regioonal domestic product, thus accouting for 7 percent of the country’s economy.  Diep, chief of the HCMC Party Committee Office, said the People’s Committee is drafting a proposal to enhance the power of the new city government.  Experts have said HCMC authorities need to seek advice from foreign experts and investors in technology, finance and urban development to build the new city.  The city has established a steering committee led by Phong to develop a master plan for the new city including strategies to create a knowledge-based economy and a highly skilled workforce.  The committee plans to develop a centralised database on land use, stransportation, and other public works in the three districts to be merged.  The new Thu Duc city should be designed to attract more investment while promoting globalisation but maintaining local culture and appealing to a talented workforce from around the world. | **Revamping:** redo, revise.  **Jurisdiction:** the right, power, or authority to administer justice by hearing and determining controversies.  **Kilter:** good condition, order.  **Consolidated:** brought together into a single whole. |