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## VinMec International Hospital Officially Opened



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The “VinMec International Hospital” in Hanoi was officially opened on Saturday the 7th of January. This 500-bed hospital covering 80,000 m<sup>2</sup> is the first project achieved by VK in Vietnam. The hospital was built in a spectacularly short period of just 13 months, of which 3 months for the design and 10 months for the build itself.

The design team VK-dwp – both companies have a proven track record in healthcare – are honoured to have been of service to this iconic project. Vingroup – the property contractor – aims to offer top level care with this hospital in the north of Vietnam. The region lacks good hospitals, which means that many Vietnamese have to travel to neighbouring countries in South East Asia for medical care. Thanks to this investment by Vingroup, the local population can now be cared for using high-tech equipment in a modern, functional hospital, supported by a well-trained medical staff.

The hospital is located in a new urban development and groups 5 wings around a central boulevard. VK opted for an open architecture on a human scale and integrated the principles that result in a “healing environment” as far as possible. External and internal flexibility must support future changes.

At the end of 2011, VK also won the prestigious “World Architecture Festival Award” in the category “Future Health” for the innovative and sustainable concept of the Binh Chanh Pediatric Hospital in Ho Chi Minh City in Vietnam.

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