



## Six Senses Con Dao: The World's Best!

The newly-opened Six Senses Con Dao by Indochina Land in Vietnam has won the coveted award of Best International Small Hotel Construction and Design, at the *International Commercial Property Awards*, held in association with *Bloomberg*.

Sonu Shivdasani, Chairman and CEO of Six Senses, expressed his delight at winning such a prestigious award just in time for the opening of Six Senses' newest resort on the remote, paradise island.

"The Six Senses team has been proud to work with Indochina Land in the development of Six Senses Con Dao and that our collaboration has already achieved such an accolade, is a wonderful measure of a happy partnership," said Shivdasani.

"In our quest to find the most outstanding projects and property professionals from around the world we were fascinated to discover that

the total value of the award winning projects was over \$100 billion," said Stuart Shield, chairman of the International Property Awards.

"This helps to contrast with the 'Bear' market approach to the property market in general. There are some incredibly strong roots being established for the future growth and generation of properties that are more attractive to look at, safer, kinder to the environment, smarter and able to deliver a better quality of life for those who live and work in them."

Six Senses Con Dao opened this month, December 2010. Its 50 villas sit along a mile long golden beach, beneath dark green forested mountains. The heart of the resort is designed to resemble a traditional Vietnamese village. The island is part of a 16 island archipelago, most of which is protected as a national and marine park, sheltering and protecting many endangered species.

### Con Dao makes *Lonely Planet's* top 10 spots for romance

Con Dao Island has been named as one of the top 10 most romantic destinations in the world for 2011 by the UK-owned *Lonely Planet* magazine.

Other paradise islands on the list include Yemen's Socotra, Australia's Torres Strait Islands, Japan's Yacyana, French Guiana's Iles du Salut, the Republic of Korea's Ulleungdo, Panama's San Blas archipelago, Chinese Taipei's Penghu, the Bay archipelago and Hog island off the coast of Honduras and Uganda's Ssese.

Under the French, Con Dao was used as a major prison for those who opposed French colonial rule, but in modern times the island has emerged as a remote tourism destination thanks to its beautiful beaches and stunning scenery. Con Dao National Park, one of the country's top six biodiversity hotspots for both land and sea, contains thousands of plant and animal species, and provides a range of eco-tourism options.

According to the Sai Gon Travel Service Company (Saigontourist), this year Con Dao was one of the most popular honeymoon destinations for newly weds.

### Hoi An's four millionth visitor

The UNESCO-protected heritage town of Hoi An in the central province of Quang Nam welcomed the four millionth visitor of 2010, a tourist from Australia by the name of Amelia. Hoi An has sold tickets for package tours of the town since 1995. Seventy percent of the money raised from the ticket price is used on restoring and preserving historical and ancient relics.