Timeline: Densification of the urban fabric in Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam

Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam’s economic hub and its first mega city, endures dynamic construction activities. The time line photo series shows the development of the new urban area of Vinhomes Central Park. The area includes Vietnam’s recently completed and highest skyscraper, the Vincom Landmark 81 with a height of 461.2 metres and 81 storeys. The living density of the whole site is now extremely high. How to resolve the issue of urban transportation remains unclear. Looking at the informal low-rise settlements surrounding the new developments provide a good example for socio-spatial fragmentation.

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