



When we think about the future of the Port of Santos ... the big challenge, now, is to supply it with infrastructure, logistics, facilities and a skilled workforce, not forgetting the supporting area (retroporto) to give it the conditions to be globally competitive. It is a difficult task, but facing it is the only alternative to reach the national and regional development we so desire.

We should also point out that the Port of Santos can boast of having left us many examples of colonial architecture of defense, which stand as evidence of a long history of settlement and territorial conquests. Such “architectural wrapping” today serve the historical tourism and other cultural events well absorbed by the local community and municipal authorities. The heritage is national but its protection and alternative use should be local, as is done with streets, squares, gardens and other public areas.

This inexorable and salutary trend occurs worldwide and the municipalities that house the colonial fortifications of our region: Bertioga, Guarujá, Praia Grande and Santos are giving us excellent examples in caring about the common good that belongs to all of us.

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