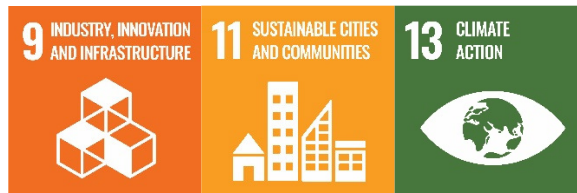


SIGNING OF JAPANESE ODA LOAN AGREEMENT WITH VIETNAM:**Contributing to the reduction of traffic congestion and air pollution
and to the development of the local economy through the development of railway**

Hanoi, December 29th, 2023 - The Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) signed a Loan Agreement with the Government of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam in Hanoi to provide a Japanese ODA loan of up to 41,223.7 million yen for the Ho Chi Minh City Urban Railway Construction Project (Ben Thanh - Suoi Tien Section (Line1)) (IV).

By constructing an urban railway, the Ho Chi Minh City Urban Railway Construction Project (Ben Thanh - Suoi Tien Section (Line 1)) (IV) will alleviate traffic congestion and air pollution while encouraging regional economic development. This project will contribute to the achievement of SDGs Goal 9 (Industry, Innovation and Infrastructure), Goal 11 (Sustainable Cities and Communities) and Goal 13 (Climate Action).

Special Terms for Economic Partnership (STEP)* will apply to the Japanese ODA loan for this project. Japanese technology applied to this loan includes underground civil engineering, rolling stocks, electricity-communication-signaling system, and maintenance.

** STEP refers to special assistance terms for promoting the visibility of Japanese aid through a transfer of outstanding Japanese technology and expertise to developing nations. The main contract is Japan tied and subcontracting is general untied. The main agreement partner must generally be a Japanese company, an overseas subsidiary of a Japanese company, or a joint venture between a Japanese company and the borrowing country where the Japanese company is the lead partner, although under certain conditions a joint venture between a Japanese company (which is the lead partner of the joint venture) and an affiliated company (as accounted under the equity method) of a Japanese company may be the main agreement partner.*

Details of the project are provided as below:



PRESS RELEASE

1. Terms and Amount of the Loan

	Amount (million yen)	Annual interest rate (%)		Repayment period (years)	Grace period (years)	Procurement
		Project	Consulting services			
Ho Chi Minh City Urban Railway Construction Project (Ben Thanh - Suoi Tien Section (Line1)) (IV)	41,223.7	0.10	0.01	40	10	Japan tied

2. Executing Agency

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3. Planned Implementation Schedule

- (1) Planned Completion of project: 2024 – when the facilities are put into service
- (2) Issuing of letters of invitation for consulting services (including detailed design work):
Already hired
- (3) Tender announcement of initial procurement package for international competitive bidding on project construction:
Procurement package title: Already contracted

4. JICA Contact Information

For further information about the procurement schedule, please contact the party listed below:

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