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**COMPREHENSIVE COOPERATION AMONG
NGHE AN PROVINCE, JICA AND JETRO
- First cooperation case since MOC between JICA and JETRO signed in 2018 -**

Vinh city, Nghe An, September 5, 2019 - A Memorandum of Cooperation (MOC) to enhance strategic and comprehensive cooperation for the development of Nghe An province was signed on September 5 among the People's Committee of Nghe An province (Nghe An PPC), the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) Vietnam Office and the Japan External Trade Organization (JETRO) Hanoi Office.

Within the MOC's framework, Nghe An PPC, JICA Vietnam Office and JETRO Hanoi Office reaffirm to work together for effective and feasible cooperation for future development of Nghe An province in agriculture and rural development, investment promotion of Japanese enterprises in Nghe An province, and global human resource development.

JICA has been implementing several ODA projects to support agriculture sector in Nghe An province. An Agricultural Marketing Platform (AMPF), which has functions of promoting food value chain, was established under JICA's Technical Cooperation Project for development planning on agriculture development in Nghe An province (March, 2016 - April, 2019).

In addition, JICA also supports the investment promotion of Japanese enterprises in Vietnam under the Japanese Enterprise Public-Private Partnership (JEPP) Scheme.

Together with JETRO's support for Japanese enterprises including foreign investment information provision, synergistic effects are expected to be created through associating the scheme of JICA and JETRO.

This is the first cooperation between JICA and JETRO under an MOC signed between the two organizations on July 5, 2018 aiming at promoting the cooperation in supporting Japanese enterprises' overseas investment.

Recently, Nghe An has built up industrial zones and improved investment environment to proactively promote foreign direct investment. Under the framework of "Japan-Vietnam Agriculture Policy Dialogue" agreed between the two governments in 2014, Nghe An province was selected as one of the model areas of medium-to-long-term vision for Japan-Vietnam agriculture cooperation.

Nghe An province is located at an important access point of domestic transportation with the largest area of 16,482km² among 63 provinces of Vietnam. It is also the 4th most populous province with a population of around 3 million and is known to be home to many prominent people such as the late President Ho Chi Minh.

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Annex

**Investment promotion ▪ Agriculture and Rural development ▪ Human Resource development
conference in Nghe An Province**

Date : September 5th, 2019

Venue : Conference room, Nghe An PPC, No. 3 Truong Thi, Vinh city, Nghe An province

Program

1st session-Presentation

14:00	Registration
14:30 – 14:40	Opening Remarks and Participants Introduction (Nghe An PPC)
14:40 – 14:55	Speech 1 (Mr. Thai Thanh Quy, Chairman of Nghe An PPC)
14:55 – 15:15	Presentation 1 (Mr. Tetsuo KONAKA, Chief Representative, JICA Vietnam Office)
15:15 – 15:30	Speech 2 (Mr. Nguyen Si Dung, JICA Special Advisor, Member of Socio-Economic Advisory Group to Chairman of Nghe An PPC)
15:30 – 15:50	Presentation 2 (Mr. Hironobu KITAGAWA, Chief Representative, JETRO Hanoi Office)
15:50 – 16:10	Presentation 3 (Mr. Tatsuyoshi YABASHI, President, Yabashi Holdings ¹)
16:10 – 16:20	Closing remark (Mr. Nguyen Dac Vinh, Secretary of Nghe An provincial Party Committee)
16:20 – 16:25	Break & Setting

2nd session- MOC signing ceremony

16:25 – 16:30	Explanation of MOC (Nghe An PPC)
16:30 – 16:45	MOC signing and Photo session

Participants : 40-50 participants

- Nghe An Provincial People's Committee / Secretary, Chairman, Vice Chairman, Center for Investment Promotion and Support, Vietnamese enterprises
- Japanese Governmental organizations (JICA, JETRO, Embassy of Japan) and Japanese enterprises

¹ Main business in Nghe An is white limestone mining at Chau Cuong commune, Quy Hop District. Following the Mining division, Metal Processing division as well as VinCAD centre has been established and currently Wood Processing division who carries out interior materials is being set up.

HP: <https://www.yabashi.co.jp/holdings/en/company/vinawhite.html>