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JICA SUPPORTS THUA THIEN HUE WITH EMERGENCY RESEVOIR OPERATION AND EFFECTIVE FLOOD MANAGEMENT

Hue, May 12, 2023 – The Inauguration Ceremony of the system of observation equipment, dam supervision facilities and water-related disaster information management and the Final Seminar of the Project for “**Emergency reservoir operation and effective flood management using water-related disaster management information system**” were jointly held in Hue city on May 12 by the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) Vietnam Office, the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development and the People’s Committee of Thua Thien Hue Province. The total Grant Aid value for the Project is around 1.8 billion Japanese yen (roughly 380 billion VND at the time of the Grant Agreement signing).

During the period of 2017-2023, through the JICA Project, Japan has provided advanced equipment and established a comprehensive information network for disaster prevention, appropriate emergency forecasting and warning measures in the Huong River Basin while enhancing the operation and management system of the three large dams namely Binh Dien, Huong Dien, and Ta Trach in consideration of disaster risk management.

The Project is believed to contribute to the implementation of the Vietnam’s National Strategy on Natural Disaster Prevention and Control, and the Integrated Flood Management Plan in the Huong River Basin towards sustainable socio-economic development.

The effective reservoir operation and management is one of the important goals of the Government of Vietnam to ensure water resource security and safety of dykes and reservoirs by 2030. The Huong River Basin in Thua Thien Hue Province is the area facing heavy rainfall and suffering flood damages frequently. Therefore, effective operation of the three dams during heavy rainfalls and comprehensive flood management in the Huong River Basin play important roles in preventing and minimizing human casualties as well as economic loss, also in building a pilot model for replication in other river basins.

JICA will actively work with the Government and people of Japan to continue the cooperation and support Vietnam with disaster risk management./.

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