(2) Nhat Tan Bridge (Vietnam-Japan Friendship Bridge) Construction Project (III)

Background and Necessity
Vietnam has relied greatly on roads for domestic traffic. 74.3 percent of freight transport and 92.1 percent of passenger transport were made on roads as of 2011. Especially in recent years, there has been a rapid increase in traffic on different types of roads including highways, which connect big cities and provincial cities. Hanoi City achieved the high average economic growth rate of 9.2 percent per year (2008 – 2010). Along with this high growth rate, a significant increase is expected in the number of users of Noi Bai International Airport, the gateway to northern Vietnam. Traffic volume (58,595 Passenger Car Unit per day) on the NorthThang Long - Noi Bai road, the existing access road running from the center of Hanoi City to Noi Bai International Airport, exceeded its capacity (42,000 Passenger Car Unit per day) as of 2011. Under these circumstances, it has become an issue to mitigate traffic jams and create more efficient traffic functions, by constructing new bridges and highways which connect the center of Hanoi City and the northern Red River region, in the light of an increasing number of users of Noi Bai International Airport and rising transportation demand at the industrial complexes in the northern areas in the future.

Objective and Summaries
The objective of the project is to meet the rapidly increasing traffic demands across the Red River, enhance efficiency in logistics and mitigate traffic jam through construction of Nhat Tan Bridge and approach roads, thereby contributing to promoting economic development and strengthening of international competitiveness of Hanoi city and northern Viet Nam.

The loan funds are used to procure civil engineering works, materials and equipment necessary to build bridges, approach roads, and pay for consulting services, etc. This project is expected to become a symbol of Hanoi City's development and friendship between Vietnam and Japan.

It is a Special Terms for Economic Partnership (STEP) project in which Japanese superior technology and knowhow will be used.

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Planned Implementation Schedule
(i) To be completed in: December 2014 - when the facilities are put into service
(ii) Consulting services (bidding assistance, supervision of works, etc.): Already employed
(iii) Construction works: Already signed

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