Background and Necessity
Hanoi City, the capital of Vietnam, has been increasingly urbanized, and its population increased from 2.74 million in 2000 to 6.65 million in 2010 in part due to the merger of the neighboring towns. A further increase in its population is expected in the future. Along with such an increasing population and rising income levels, the number of registered two-wheel vehicles also increased from 1.82 million in 2000 to 4 million in 2010, while that of four-wheel vehicles from 12,000 in 2000 to 35,000 in 2010. A further increase in the both types of vehicles is expected in the future.

There has been not much progress in development of public transportation infrastructure enough to respond to such an increase in the population and vehicles. The city has been suffered from a number of problems, such as worsening traffic congestion, increasing traffic accidents and deteriorated air quality. It is difficult to cope with increasing traffic demand only with the transportation capacities of the existing public transportation (buses, etc.) and expansion of road networks. Thus, Hanoi City plans to develop a new urban mass transportation system centering on the Urban Mass Rapid Transit.

Objective and Summaries
The objective of the Project is to increase efficiency of train operation and maintenance by constructing Ngoc Hoi Complex necessary for Hanoi City urban railway and national railway development, thereby meeting increasing transportation demand and securing safety in railway operation.

Loan funds will be allocated to the following, which are necessary for railway construction: public works, the procurement of equipment and materials, and consulting services.

Special Term for Economic Partnership (STEP) will be applied to this project, and Japanese technology will be utilized.

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Planned Implementation Schedule
(i) Completion of project: August 2019 -- when the facilities are put into service
(ii) Issuing of letters of invitation for consulting services:
    Detailed design (between Giap Bat and Ngoc Hoi): April 2013
    Supervision of works (Ngoc Hoi Complex): June 2013
(iii) Tender announcement of initial procurement package for international competitive bidding on project construction: July 2013
Name of the procurement packages: Soil improvement works
Prequalification already announced in December 2012

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