Background and Necessity
Ha Long Bay, a World Heritage Site, and Ha Long, a city in Quang Ninh Province in northern Vietnam known for having one of the country’s best coalfields, face challenges such as an increase in wastewater from the coal industry, rising pollution due to urbanization and an increasing population, and a low treatment rate of domestic wastewater (14 percent in 2013). The Socio-Economic Development Master Plan for Quang Ninh Province to 2020 with Vision towards 2030 establishes a goal of 100 percent sewer coverage rate in urban areas by 2020, with the objectives of improving the sanitation conditions of the living environment and protecting Ha Long Bay. This project is one of the highest priorities of all the projects in the master plan.

Objective and Summary of the Project
This project will build a sewer system in Ha Long City, Quang Ninh Province in northern Vietnam to improve the sewerage treatment capacity in Ha Long, improving the public sanitation in the city and preserving the water quality in the Ha Long Bay area.

The loan fund will be used for engineering services such as detailed design work and tender assistance.

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Project Implementation Schedule (planned)
(i) Completion of project: May 2018 – with completion of the loan disbursement
(ii) Issuing of letters of invitation for consulting services (including detailed design work):
   October 2015
(iii) Tender announcement of initial procurement package for international competitive bidding on project construction:
   No international competitive bidding is planned under this loan.