

## NEW HINHEUP BRIDGE CONSTRUCTION PROJECT

**Project period:** August 2007 – January 2010

**Project site:** Vientiane province

**Project outline:** National Road No.13 is one of the main economic corridors in the Lao PDR, linking Vientiane and Luang Prabang. Hinheup Bridge is located where the road crosses Nam Lik River, one of the major tributaries of the Mekong River. The old Bailey-type bridge it replaces was constructed in the 1990s for temporary use and was not appropriate as part of the main national road.



The new Hinheup Bridge has been constructed with Japanese Grant Aid. A notable feature of the project is the introduction of an “incremental launching method”, which was adopted in Laos for the first time. The new bridge will improve the transportation of goods and the mobility of people, contributing to the enhancement of economic development in the Lao PDR.