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JICA, the Vietnam Water Resources Association and Thuyloi University Hold International Conference on Urban Flood and River Basin Management

On 21 August 2026, the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA), in collaboration with the Vietnam Water Resources Association (VWRA) and Thuyloi University, held an International Conference on Urban Flood and River Basin Management at Thuyloi University in Hanoi.

The conference brought together Mr. Le Cong Thanh, Vice Minister of Agriculture and Environment, along with representatives from central government agencies, research institutions, experts from the water resources and construction sectors, and officials from the Departments of Agriculture and Environment from provinces and cities across Viet Nam.

As urban flooding becomes increasingly severe due to climate change and rapid urbanization, strengthening policy frameworks, planning systems, and inter-agency coordination has become a key challenge for Viet Nam. The conference provided a platform for sharing experiences from Japan and Viet Nam and discussing approaches to enhancing flood management and river basin governance.

During the conference, JICA experts presented Japan's experience in urban flood management and integrated river basin management. Mr. Aoyama Yoshihiko, Chief Advisor of the Technical Cooperation Project for Capacity Enhancement in Legal Framework for Management of Urban Drainage and Wastewater Treatment in Viet Nam, introduced the case of Neyagawa River Basin in Osaka. His presentation highlighted coordinated flood management measures through rivers, drainage systems, pumping stations, and retention facilities.

Mr. Moriyasu Kunihiro, Advisor for Disaster Risk Management at the Viet Nam Disaster and Dyke Management Authority, shared Japan's experience in developing comprehensive flood management policies. He emphasized the importance of integrated planning, legal frameworks, and effective coordination among relevant sectors.

The conference also reviewed current flood management challenges in Viet Nam and discussed practical options for improving urban drainage systems, flood retention measures, and institutional coordination. Particular attention was given to river basin-based management and integrated planning across the water resources, urban development, and drainage sectors.

The conference provided a valuable opportunity for policy dialogue among stakeholders on future directions for strengthening flood management and river basin governance in Viet Nam.

JICA will continue to work closely with the Government of Vietnam and other stakeholders to strengthen climate resilience, reduce disaster risk, and promote sustainable and inclusive socio-economic development throughout the country.

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