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SEND-OFF CEREMONY FOR JDS FELLOWS – BATCH 23^(*)

Hanoi, August 4th, 2023 - The Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) Vietnam Office in collaboration with the Ministry of Education and Training held a Send-off Ceremony for 39 JDS Fellows - Batch 23 who will depart to Japan to study Master and Doctorate programs.

The ceremony was attended by representatives of the Communist Party of Vietnam's Central Committee for Organization (CCOP), the fellows' organizations, former JDS fellows, Japan Alumni of Vietnam, Japan Foundation in Vietnam and a number of Japanese universities.



Caption: JDS Fellows - Batch 23 took photos with distinguished guests

The highlight of the ceremony was the JDS fellows' presentations on action plans for studying in Japan, which demonstrated their thorough preparation, proper awareness and determination to strive for learning and training in the upcoming time.

Besides, the representative of JICA Research Institute also gave a presentation on "Impacts of Study abroad and experiences in studying in Japan" to provide the JDS fellows and their host organizations with findings drawn from a research recently conducted by JICA in developing countries including Vietnam.

In the context of the 50th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between Vietnam and Japan, Mr. Kubo Yoshitomo, Senior Representative of JICA Vietnam Office, affirmed that cooperation in human resource development would continue to be prioritized under JICA's cooperation policy for Vietnam. He wished the JDS fellows - Batch 23 to promptly adapt to the new learning and living environment in Japan, to make great academic efforts and to successfully complete the training program which would help the further development of high-quality human resources in Vietnam.

(*) JDS is a Human Resource Development Scholarship Program using the Japanese Government's Grant Aid. The Program provides full scholarships for talented young public employees from developing countries to study master's and doctoral courses at leading universities in Japan. In Vietnam, it has been carried out since 2000 with a sum of 827 scholarships provided. Under the current JDS framework for Vietnam, each year, up to 45 scholarships for Master's degree and 5 scholarships for Doctorate degree courses in English language are provided covering the fields of Economics, Urban Development/Transport, Energy, Agriculture, Environment, Human Resource Development for Industrial Development, Health Care/Social Security, Legal System, and Public Administration.

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