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JICA SUPPORTS FORMULATION OF INTEGRATED FLOOD MANAGEMENT PLAN

Hanoi, November 17, 2023 – The Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) Vietnam Office signed a Record of Discussion with the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development (MARD) for a technical cooperation project “**Project for Flood Damage Restoration and Formulation of a Flood Prevention and Control Master Plan in the Central Region**”.

The project’s primary goal is to reduce flood risk along the Vu Gia – Thu Bon River Basin via three main stages: (1) installation of hydrological observation and disaster monitoring equipment, (2) assessment of risk and formulation of Integrated Flood Management Plan (IFMP), and (3) promotion of cooperation mechanism for effective implementation of flood control countermeasures. It is scheduled to run from 2024 to 2027 with the Viet Nam Disaster and Dyke Management Authority (VDDMA) as a main executing agency.

The technical transfer activities at VDDMA as well as Vu Gia – Thu Bon River Basin in the central region and the pre-disaster investment by the Government of Vietnam based on IFMP are expected to contribute to the realization of Vietnam’s National Strategy on Natural Disaster Prevention and Control, and the Resolution on Sustainable Development.

The Vietnam’s central region is a complex terrain area with a dense, short, and steep system of rivers and streams. In recent years, along with climate change, natural disasters, especially typhoon and flood, have become increasingly extreme and unusual, causing considerable damage and loss of life and property in the region.

JICA will actively work with the Government and people of Japan to continue the cooperation and support Vietnam with disaster risk management.

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