



The WEMRB Project

The Project for Strengthening Capacity
of Water Environmental Management in River Basin



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The Joint Workshop was held

On 11 January 2017, a Joint Workshop was held at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, Nam Tu Liem, Ha Noi City.

The joint workshop (W/S) was co-organized by the World Bank funded Vietnam Industrial Pollution Management Project (VIMP) and the JICA Technical Cooperation Project for Strengthening Capacity of Water Environmental Management in River Basin (WEMRB Project). Agendas of the workshop were to confirm the concepts and the activities of both Projects, to discuss on river basin water environmental management, to discuss on the applicability of methods of total pollution load (TPL) analysis and difficulties in implementation, and to discuss on the possibility of future cooperation / joint activities and its expected results between two Projects.



Joint workshop of WEMRB and VIMP Projects

More than 40 of concerned officers/experts were participated in the W/S. Those were from such two PMUs; VEA/MONRE departments, e.g. Department of Water Resources Management, Department of Appraisal and EIA, Wastes and Environmental Improvement Department; Pollution Control Department, Institute of Environmental Science, Center for Environmental

Monitoring (CEM); 7 target DONREs; and experts in relevant field of research.

The workshop was started by the opening remarks of Mr. Nguyen Van Thuy, Director of CEM cum Deputy Director of VIMP, VEA.

Presentations by both projects gave overall picture regarding the water environmental management in river basins in Vietnam – achievements, challenges, and need for

improvement; the progress on development of method to assess the TPL in river basins of Vietnam, which is conducted by the VIMP; and the sharing of experiences from Japanese experts forwards the necessity of integrated water environmental management in river basins and the adequate legalizations in Vietnam.

Numerous issues were raised and discussed in the W/S for enforcing above mentioned issues, e.g. the need of unified management of data regarding environmental water quality, hydrology, land use, safety factor used in the simulation models, etc. and the share of those databases between locals and central. By referring to the experiences of Japan, the participants received practical knowledges on adequate methodologies for TPL

analysis, e.g. selection of river sections and simulation models, total volume control of pollution load for big city, master plan for management of inter-province rivers, etc. The VIMP side also confirms the importance of additional provisions (circular) as well as the accompanied Guidelines with detailed instructions in order to implement effective management of water resources in river basins in Vietnam.

The W/S played important role for both projects as well as relevant authorities toward the effective cooperation, sharing, and exchange of difficulties and challenges in their activities regarding the effective integrated water environment management in river basins in Vietnam.



Co-Chairs, Mr. Adachi, Dr. Loi, & Mr. Thuy



A Scene of the Questions & Answers