

FACT SHEET

1. Cooperation on Fighting against COVID-19

- **Provision of COVID-19 Vaccines:** Japan announced additional provision of 1.5 million doses of COVID-19 vaccine to Viet Nam, which will make the total amount of shared vaccines to 5.6 million doses. Part of the additional vaccines will be shipped by the flight of Prime Minister Chinh's return home. Japan continues contribution to prevention of COVID-19 in Viet Nam.
- **Technical Cooperation on COVID-19 Vaccine Development:** Cooperation on vaccine development in the private sector has progressed with the signing of the MOU between SHIONOGI Inc. and the Administration of Science, Technology and Training-the Ministry of Health of Viet Nam.
- **Improvement of Facilities of the Hub Medical Institutions:** Japan provided medical equipment, including mechanical ventilations and extracorporeal membrane oxygenation (ECMO), to Cho Ray Hospital and the Hue Central Hospital, which serve as hub Medical Institutions in the regions.
- **Assistance to the Pasteur Institute:** Japan provided technical cooperation to the biosafety level 3 (BSL-3) laboratory in the Pasteur Institute in Ho Chi Minh City through providing medical equipment as well as assisting its programs.

2. Cooperation on Defense and Security

- **Peacekeeping Operations:** Japan will provide cooperation, including dispatching Japanese experts, comprising mainly of Japan Ground Self-Defense Force's personnel, to Viet Nam to assist Vietnamese preparation to participate in UNISFA. Both sides consented to proactively continue this collaboration as a model case of "Japan-Vietnam bilateral defense cooperation at a new period."
- **Cooperation under the Agreement concerning the Transfer of Defense Equipment and Technology:** In light of the Agreement concerning the Transfer of Defense Equipment and Technology signed in September 2021, Japan and Viet Nam consented to accelerate consultations for the transfer of specific equipment including naval vessels and related equipment.
- **Defense Cooperation on Cyber Security and Military Medicine:** Japan and Viet Nam signed two memoranda of cooperation between Ministry of Defense of Japan and Ministry of National Defence of Viet Nam on Cyber Security and Military Medicine

respectively.

- **Japan-ASEAN Cyber Security Training Program for Defense Authorities:** Japan and Viet Nam will continue to engage closely to organize the “Japan-ASEAN Cyber Security Training Program for Defense Authorities” including future possibilities to host events at the Army Software Park in Nha Trang, Viet Nam.
- **Coast Guard’s Patrol Vessels:** Japan will support strengthening Viet Nam’s maritime law enforcement capabilities. In this regard, the process of building the patrol vessels by ODA loans will be accelerated.
- **Provision of Maritime Search and Rescue Equipment:** Japan and Viet Nam signed a new Exchange of Notes regarding the provision of maritime search and rescue equipment, which will further strengthen maritime safety and security cooperation.
- **Capacity Building:** Mobile Cooperation Team (MCT) of the Japan Coast Guard is implementing various capacity building training and lecture courses based on the yearly cooperation plan between the Coast Guards of the two countries.
- **Heads of Asian Coast Guard Agencies Meeting (HACGAM) :** The Viet Nam Coast Guard, as a chair of the 17th Heads of Asian Coast Guard Agencies Meeting (HACGAM), successfully held a working level meeting. Japan and Viet Nam will continue to cooperate toward the 17th HACGAM High Level Meeting this December, which will be chaired by the Viet Nam Coast Guard and supported by the Japan Coast Guard serving as the secretariat of HACGAM.

3. Cooperation on Economy

3-1 Newly Committed Programs and Projects

3-1-1 Business collaboration

- **Digital Transformation (DX) Initiative:** Japan and Viet Nam launched Digital Transformation (DX) Initiative and shared the common understanding to promote cooperation between Japanese and Vietnamese companies in the field of DX.
- **Technology Innovation Cooperation Partnership:** Japan and Viet Nam launched Technology Innovative Cooperation Partnership and will strengthen the development of the supporting industries in Viet Nam with the cooperation of Japanese companies.
- **Strengthening Supply Chains Initiative:** Viet Nam supports the program for supporting supply chain diversification launched by the Government of Japan that promotes Japanese companies to seek new investment opportunities or expand existing

investments, and Japanese companies to cooperate with Vietnamese companies and avoid supply chain disruptions. Japan and Viet Nam will closely follow, support and solve various problems faced by existing Japanese companies as well as Japanese companies wishing to shift or expand investments to Viet Nam. Both sides will cooperate through sharing information on especially obstacles and working together for mutual developments.

3-1-2 Transportation Infrastructure

- **Long Thanh International Airport Development Project:** Regarding the Phase 1 development, Viet Nam appreciates interest from the Japanese companies to the development project of the airport facilities, including a passenger terminal complex, boarding bridges and a runway. Viet Nam also highly appreciates cooperation from Japan regarding a data collection survey for the Phase 2 preparation.
- **Dai Ngai Bridge Construction Project:** Japan announced its intention to conduct the data collection survey of Dai Ngai Bridge Construction Project.
- **Connectivity Project between Viet Nam and Laos:** Japan and Viet Nam shared the common recognition that projects of strengthening the connectivity between Viet Nam and Laos are expected to attract investment to Laos and to promote trade between the two countries and in the region. ADB will conduct its basic study for the project under the GMS program.
- **Public Transport Infrastructure Improvement Project in Binh Duong Province:** Japan and Viet Nam will accelerate the coordination toward early signing of the Exchange of Notes.

3-1-3 Energy Infrastructure

- **Energy Cooperation for Strengthening Mutual Collaboration:** Japan Bank for International Cooperation (JBIC) and Commission for the Management of State Capital at Enterprises of Viet Nam (CMSC) signed the Memorandum of Understanding on Energy Cooperation between them.

3-1-4 Agriculture Infrastructure

- **Agriculture Infrastructure in Lam Dong Province:** Japan and Viet Nam will accelerate the coordination toward early signing of the Exchange of Notes concerning the project for upgrading infrastructure for agricultural enhancement in Lam Dong Province (Phase 1).

3-1-5 Other Sectors

- **Resuming of Scheduled Passenger Services from Japan to Viet Nam:** Viet Nam announced scheduled passenger services from Japan to Viet Nam will resume at the earliest possible.
- **Data Flow:** Japan and Viet Nam shared the common recognition of the important role of data flow in promoting trade and investment as well as digital economy in accordance with the provisions of international agreements. Both sides will enhance cooperation in this field.
- **Countermeasures against Copyright Infringements in Cyberspace:** Japan and Viet Nam share the recognition that comprehensive countermeasures against copyright infringements in cyberspace such as pirated copies of Japanese manga websites are necessary from the perspective of advancing sound economic growth in the intellectual property field. Japan and Viet Nam continue to work together toward the effective implementation of such countermeasures against illegal copyright infringements in cyberspace.

3-2 Existing Projects

3-2-1 Transportation Infrastructure

- **North-South Expressway Construction Project between Ben Luc-Long Thanh:** Viet Nam announced that it would promptly implement necessary measures in order to appropriate ODA budget to Viet Nam Expressway Corporation (VEC). Japan and Viet Nam will cooperate to ensure prompt project implementation.
- **Ho Chi Minh City Urban Railway (Line 1):** Viet Nam announced its intention to complete the contract amendment of the consultant and resolve the issue of all package payment at an early stage.
- **Ha Noi City Urban Railway (Line 2):** Viet Nam announced its intention to accelerate the process concerning the approval of investment policy revision, and project cost adjustment as well as addressing the problem concerning C9 metro station.

3-2-2 Energy Infrastructure

- **Nghi Son Refinery:** Nghi Son Refinery is a symbolic project in their bilateral relationship. Japan and Viet Nam declare their mutual intention that the stakeholders of both sides continue to cooperate for the safe, stable and efficient operations of this Project.
- **O Mon III Combined Cycle Power Plant:** In order to start the production of Block B project in 2025, which will serve as a gas supplier, Viet Nam announced its intention to

complete all the procedures of revision of the ODA Decree and approval of investment policy at an early stage, which are required to implement the O Mon III Combined Cycle Power Plan project.

3-2-3 Water Environment Infrastructure

- **Second Ho Chi Minh City Water Environment Improvement Project:** Japan and Viet Nam signed the 4th Exchange of Notes and shared the common understanding that they cooperate to ensure prompt project implementation.
- **Ha Noi City Yen Xa Sewerage System Project:** Japan and Viet Nam will cooperate to ensure prompt project implementation.

3-2-4 Urban Development

- **Smart City Cooperation:** Japan announced its intention to continue to strengthen the partnership with ASEAN Smart Cities Network and to cooperate for the study of “Smart JAMP (Smart City supported by Japan ASEAN Mutual Partnership)” in Da Nang and other cities as well as the realisation of smart cities in Viet Nam. Viet Nam announced its intention to support for the development of smart cities by Japanese companies.

3-2-5 Health Cooperation

- **Global Health Strategy:** Japan identified Viet Nam as one of the partner countries of its Global Health Strategy. It intends to strengthen partnership by utilizing various tools.
- **Cho Ray Viet Nam–Japan Friendship Hospital:** Viet Nam announced its intention to accelerate the prompt approval process of the basic design.

3-2-6 Space Cooperation

- **Disaster and Climate Change Countermeasures Using Earth Observation Satellite:** Viet Nam announced its intention to complete promptly its internal process to make decision on the 2nd loan for the Project.

3-2-7 VAT Refund and Tax Exemption

- **Implementation of Grant Aid:** Viet Nam highly appreciates the provisions of Japan's Grant Aid. Both sides confirmed to continue cooperation in implementing and sorting out their prompt and adequate procedures including that of tax exemption or refund.
- **Corporate Tax Exemption for Project Grant Aid:** Viet Nam announced its intention to resolve the corporate tax exemption issue at an early point.

3-2-8 Renewal of Memorandum of Cooperation

- **Memorandum of Cooperation on Land, Water resources, Meteorology and Geospatial Information Cooperation:** The memorandum concerning the comprehensive cooperation between the Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism of Japan and the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment of the Social Republic of Viet Nam was renewed, in order to promote their cooperation on land, water resources, meteorology and geospatial information.

3-2-9 Future Projects

- Japan and Viet Nam, based upon the information to be provided by Viet Nam, will promote discussions to realize the following future projects: (i) Development of climate resilient infrastructure supporting the production undertaken by ethnic minorities in North Highland and mountainous areas in Thai Nguyen, Tuyen Quang, Cao Bang, Lang Son, Bac Kan, Bac Giang; (ii) Development of rural areas to adapt to natural disasters in Lao Cai, Yen Bai, Ha Giang, Son La, Dien Bien, Lai Chau; and (iii) Dredging the channel to Nghi Son port (section from buoy number 0 to North levee).

3-3 Technical Intern Trainees and Vietnamese Students in Japan

- **Cooperation on Excluding Malicious Brokers and Excessive Burden of Expenses:** Japan and Viet Nam continue to promote cooperation toward excluding malicious brokers and excessive burden of expenses. The organisations concerned from both countries (*) will deepen their cooperation toward prohibition of excessive treatment in the form of favors.
* NAGOMi (National Association for Global & Open Minded Communities) and Viet Nam Association of Manpower Supply (VAMAS).
- **Project of Supporting to Connect Job Information for Vietnamese Workers to Work Abroad Under Contract:** Japan announced its consideration to provide technical support upon receiving formal request from Viet Nam.
- **Vietnamese in Japan hoping to return to Viet Nam:** Japan and Viet Nam continue to promote cooperation, so that the Vietnamese, who are now residing in Japan and hoping to return, can smoothly leave for home.
- **Consideration to Vietnamese in Japan:** Japan announced its intention to continue to give consideration to Vietnamese technical intern trainees and students studying in Japan, who are suffering from strained circumstances amid COVID-19 difficulties.

3-4 Human Resource Development

- **Vietnam-Japan University Campus Construction Project:** Japan and Viet Nam implement promptly the construction plan of the Hoa Lac campus of Vietnam–Japan University (VJU) aiming at international standard for the research and innovation-oriented university. Viet Nam announced its intention to complete pre-feasibility study and approval of Prime Minister at the earliest possible. VJU will accelerate the establishment of the consortium of Japanese universities.
- **The Project for Human Resource Development Scholarship by Japanese Grant Aid (JDS):** Japan and Viet Nam will promptly sign Exchange of Notes and with the recognition that those who studied in Japan under the framework of JDS are now working actively as executive-level staff in the Vietnamese Government. They shared the common understanding that they continue to foster the young generation of Vietnamese administrative officials.
- **Strategic Training of Leaders and Managers:** Japan and Viet Nam will accelerate the discussion toward resuming the project for strategic training of leaders and managers at various levels in Japan, which was interrupted due to COVID-19.
- **Training of Young Leaders of Rural Cities:** Japan and Viet Nam will accelerate the discussion toward resuming the project for training in Japan of young leaders of rural cities, which was interrupted due to COVID-19.

4 Cooperation on Emerging Common Global Issues (Climate Change, Disaster Prevention, Environment, Gender and Children) and others

- **Cooperation between the Ministry of the Environment of Japan and the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment of Viet Nam:** Japan and Viet Nam signed the Joint Cooperation Plan on Climate Change toward Carbon Neutrality by 2050 between the Minister of the Environment of Japan and the Minister of Natural Resources and Environment of Viet Nam.
- **Cooperation between the Ministry of Trade, Economy and Industry of Japan and the Ministry of Industry and Trade of Viet Nam:** Japan and Viet Nam will issue the Joint Statement between Japanese Minister of Trade, Economy and Industry and Vietnamese Minister of Industry and Trade for Cooperation on Energy Transition to carbon neutrality.
- **Signing of Renewed Memorandum of Cooperation on Low Carbon Growth:** Japan and Viet Nam signed renewed Memorandum of Cooperation on Low Carbon Growth and shared

the common understanding that they continued to cooperate for the development of joint projects on decarbonisation under the Joint Crediting Mechanism (JCM).

- **Waste-to-Energy Flagship Project:** The Waste-to-Energy flagship project in Bac Ninh Province, which was selected as JCM Model Project by Ministry of the Environment Japan in June 2021, has progressed.
- **Kick off Announcement of the 2nd Viet Nam-Japan Environment Week:** Japan and Viet Nam announced to launch the 2nd Japan-Viet Nam Environment Week on November 24, 2021, and Japan and Viet Nam continue to cooperate in enhancing environmental business between the two countries towards realisation of sustainable and decarbonized society in Viet Nam.
- **Provision of Equipment for Survey and Analysis of Marine Plastic Litter:** Japan and Viet Nam signed the Exchange of Notes on last April and shared the common understanding to accelerate the process for the provision of equipment for survey and analysis of marine plastic litter.
- **Cooperation on Fluorocarbons Life Cycle Management:** Japan and Viet Nam will further implement and deepen cooperation under the Initiative on Fluorocarbons Life Cycle Management.
- **Provision and Restoration of Used Oceanographic Research Vessel:** Japan and Viet Nam signed the Exchange of Notes on last April and shared the common understanding to accelerate the process for equipment procurement and restoration assistance.
- **Water Management Project in Ben Tre Province:** Japan and Viet Nam will accelerate the process to choose contractors.
- **Project for Flood Damage Restoration and Formulation of Flood Prevention and Control Master Plan in the Central Region:** The feasibility study by Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) was progressed and Japan and Viet Nam will accelerate the process to implement the project.
- **Firefighting and Rescue Improvement Project:** Japan and Viet Nam will accelerate the process toward early signing of the Exchange of Notes.
- **Assistance for Those Vulnerable to Climate Change and Disaster, including Children:** Japan and United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) signed the Exchange of Notes of "the Project for Enhancing Resilience to Disaster Risk and Climate Change for Children" on November 17, 2021. Japan and Viet Nam also shared the common understanding to

promote cooperation in this area.

- **Inclusive Assistance for Women-Led Small and Medium-Sized Enterprises:** Regarding the Japan's Overseas Loan project by JICA and Vietnam Prosperity Joint Stock Commercial Bank (VP Bank) to inclusively promote financial access among women-led small and medium-sized enterprises, Japan and Viet Nam will promote cooperation in this area.
- **Cooperation in the ASEAN+3 Finance Ministers Process:** Japan and Viet Nam continue working together in regional financial cooperation through the ASEAN+3 Finance Ministers Process, including enhancing operational readiness of Chiang Mai Initiative Multilateralisation (CMIM), which was accelerated under the co-chair of Japan and Viet Nam in 2020. Japan also supported Viet Nam's decision to sign in order to participate in the Southeast Asia Disaster Risk Insurance Facility (SEADRIF), and the two countries shared the common understanding to continue promoting cooperation in this area.

5 Launch of a preparation process toward the 50th Anniversary of the Establishment of Diplomatic Relations in 2023

- Japan and Viet Nam will provide meaningful opportunities in 2023, the 50th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between the two countries, to look back the path the two countries have followed and to further deepen and foster the relationship. In this regard, the two countries will conduct various events commemorating the 50th anniversary in 2023 respectively.
- Japan will launch next spring the "Japanese Executive committee of 50th anniversary" in Viet Nam, which will be organized jointly by both public and private sectors and conduct various commemorating events in Viet Nam. Japan also announced its intention to launch the preparation committee at an early point.

6 Bilateral Relations

- **Treaty on Mutual Legal Assistance in Criminal Matters:** Japan and Viet Nam signed Treaty between Japan and Viet Nam on Mutual Legal Assistance in Criminal Matters and shared the common understanding to continue to promote cooperation in this area.
- **Opening of the Consulate-General of Japan in Da Nang:** Japan will open the Consulate-General of Japan in Da Nang next January as one of the expressions of the good relationship between the two countries. They will accelerate the process toward its smooth opening. (End)