Tokyo, October 31, 2011

Excellency,

I have the honour to confirm the following understanding recently reached between the representatives of the Government of Japan and of the Government of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam concerning a Japanese loan to be extended with a view to promoting the economic stabilization and development efforts of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam:

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2. (1) The Loan will be made available by loan agreements to be concluded between the Government of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam and JICA. The terms and conditions of the Loan as well as the procedures for its utilization will be governed by the said loan agreements, within the scope of the present understanding, which will contain, inter alia, the rate of interest, the repayment period and the disbursement period enumerated respectively in Columns 3, 4 and 5 of the Annex.

(2) Each of the loan agreements mentioned in sub-paragraph (1) above will be concluded after JICA is satisfied of the feasibility, including environmental consideration, of the projects enumerated in Column 1 of the Annex to which such loan agreements relate.

(3) The respective disbursement periods enumerated in Column 5 of the Annex may be extended with the consent of the authorities concerned of the two Governments.

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3. (1) The Loan will be made available to cover payments to be made by the Vietnamese executing agencies to suppliers, contractors and/or consultants of eligible source countries under such contracts as may be entered into between them for purchases of products and/or services required for the implementation of the projects enumerated in Column 1 of the Annex, provided that such purchases are made in such eligible source countries for products produced in and/or services supplied from those countries.

(2) The scope of eligible source countries mentioned in sub-paragraph (1) above shall be agreed upon between the authorities concerned of the two Governments.

(3) A part of the Loan may be used to cover eligible local currency requirements for the implementation of the projects enumerated in Column 1 of the Annex.

4. The Government of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam shall ensure that the products and/or services mentioned in sub-paragraph (1) of paragraph 3. are procured in accordance with the guidelines for procurement of JICA, which set forth, inter alia, the procedures of international competitive bidding to be followed except where such procedures are inapplicable or inappropriate.

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(b) ensure and maintain the safety of persons engaged in the implementation of the projects enumerated in Column 1 of the Annex and of the general public of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam in constructing the facilities under the Loan and in using such facilities; and

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9. While ensuring fair treatment of sources of information and data, the Government of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam shall, upon request, furnish the Government of Japan and JICA with:

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11. The Annex shall form an integral part of the present Note.

I have further the honour to propose that this Note and Your Excellency's Note in reply confirming on behalf of the Government of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam the foregoing understanding shall constitute an agreement between the two Governments, which shall enter into force on the date of Your Excellency's Note in reply.

I avail myself of this opportunity to renew to Your Excellency the assurance of my highest consideration.

谷崎泰明

Yasuaki Tanizaki
Ambassador Extraordinary
and Plenipotentiary of Japan
to the Socialist Republic
of Viet Nam

Annex

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MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND INVESTMENT
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