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GRANT NUMBER 9199-VIE(EF)

GRANT AGREEMENT
(Japan Fund for Poverty Reduction Financed)

(Skills and Knowledge for Inclusive Economic Growth Project)

between

SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF VIET NAM

and

ASIAN DEVELOPMENT BANK

DATED 10 December 2019

VIE 49122

GRANT AGREEMENT
(Externally Financed)

GRANT AGREEMENT dated 10 December 2019 between SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF VIET NAM ("Recipient") and ASIAN DEVELOPMENT BANK ("ADB").

WHEREAS

(A) by a loan agreement of even date herewith between the Recipient and ADB ("Loan Agreement"), ADB has agreed to make a loan to the Recipient from ADB's ordinary capital resources in the amount of $75,000,000 for the purposes of the Project described in Schedule 1 to the Loan Agreement;

(B) the Government of Japan, through the Japan Fund for Poverty Reduction ("JFPR"), has agreed to provide, and ADB has agreed to administer, the grant provided for herein upon the terms and conditions set out in the Arrangement Letter dated 7 October 2009 between ADB and the Government of Japan ("Arrangement Letter"); and

(C) ADB has agreed to make the proceeds of the grant from JFPR available to the Recipient upon the terms and conditions set forth herein and in the Project Agreement between ADB and the TVET and Training Institutions;

NOW THEREFORE the parties agree as follows:

ARTICLE I

Grant Regulations; Definitions

Section 1.01. All the provisions of ADB's Externally Financed Grant Regulations, dated 1 January 2017 ("Grant Regulations"), are hereby made applicable to this Grant Agreement with the same force and effect as if they were fully set forth herein, subject, however, to the following modifications:

(a) Section 2.01(m) is deleted and the following is substituted therefor:

"Project Agreement" means the project agreement of even date herewith between ADB and any and all of the following, Bac Ninh College of Electromechanics and Construction, Cao Thang Technical College, College of Industry and Technique, College of Industry and Trade, Dung Quat College of Technology, Fisheries and Technical Economics College, Hanoi College of Electro-Mechanics, Ho Chi Minh City College of Construction, Hue Industrial College, Maritime College No. 1, Mien Trung Industry and Trade College, Nam Dinh Industrial College, Phu Tho College of Electromechanics, The Central College of Transport 1, Vinh Long University of Technology Education, Vinh University of Technology Education, as such agreement may be amended from time to time;

(b) The term "Project Executing Agency" appearing in Sections 6.01(a), 8.01(c), 8.01(e), 8.01(i), 9.01(c) and 9.02(b) of the Grant Regulations shall be substituted by the term "Bac Ninh College of Electromechanics and Construction, Cao Thang Technical College, College of Industry and Technique, College of Industry and Trade, Dung Quat College of Technology, Fisheries and Technical Economics College, Hanoi College of Electro-Mechanics, Ho Chi Minh City College of Construction, Hue Industrial College, Maritime College No. 1, Mien Trung Industry and Trade College, Nam Dinh Industrial College, Phu Tho College of Electromechanics, The Central College of Transport 1, Vinh Long University of Technology Education, Vinh University of Technology Education".

Section 1.02. Wherever used in this Grant Agreement, the several terms defined in the Grant Regulations and in the Loan Agreement have the respective meanings therein set forth unless modified herein or the context otherwise requires.

ARTICLE II

The Grant

Section 2.01. ADB agrees to make available to the Recipient a grant from JFPR in the amount of three million Dollars ($3,000,000) ("Grant").

ARTICLE III

Use of Proceeds of the Grant

Section 3.01. The Recipient shall cause the proceeds of the Grant to be applied to the financing of expenditures on the Project in accordance with the provisions of this Grant Agreement and the Project Agreement.

Section 3.02. The proceeds of the Grant shall be allocated and withdrawn in accordance with the provisions of the Schedule to this Grant Agreement, as such Schedule may be amended from time to time by agreement between the Recipient and ADB.

Section 3.03. Except as ADB may otherwise agree, the Recipient shall procure, or cause to be procured, the items of expenditure to be financed out of the proceeds of the Grant in accordance with the provisions of Schedule 4 to the Loan Agreement.

Section 3.04. Withdrawals from the Grant Account in respect of Goods and Consulting Services shall be made only on account of expenditures relating to:

(a) Goods which are produced in and supplied from and Consulting Services which are supplied from such member countries of ADB as shall have been specified by ADB from time to time as eligible sources for procurement; and

(b) Goods and Consulting Services which meet such other eligibility requirements as shall have been specified by ADB from time to time.

Section 3.05. The Grant Closing Date for the purposes of Section 8.02 of the Grant Regulations shall be 30 June 2023 or such other date as may from time to time be agreed between the Recipient and ADB.

ARTICLE IV

Particular Covenants

Section 4.01. In the carrying out of the Project and operation of the Project facilities, the Recipient shall perform, or cause to be performed, all obligations set forth in Schedule 5 to the Loan Agreement and the Project Agreement.

Section 4.02. (a) The Recipient, through MOLISA, shall (i) maintain separate accounts and records for the Project; (ii) prepare annual financial statements for the Project in accordance with financial reporting standards acceptable to ADB; (iii) have such financial statements audited annually by independent auditors whose qualifications, experience and terms of reference are acceptable to ADB, in accordance with auditing standards acceptable to ADB; (iv) as part of each such audit, have the auditors prepare a report, which includes the auditors' opinion(s) on the financial statements and the use of the Grant proceeds, and a management letter (which sets out the deficiencies in the internal control of the Project that were identified in the course of the audit, if any); and (v) furnish to ADB, no later than 6 months after the end of each related fiscal year, copies of such audited financial statements, audit report and management letter, all in the English language, and such other information concerning these documents and the audit thereof as ADB shall from time to time reasonably request.

(b) ADB shall disclose the annual audited financial statements for the Project and the opinion of the auditors on the financial statements within 14 days of the date of ADB's confirmation of their acceptability by posting them on ADB's website.

(c) The Recipient, through MOLISA, shall enable ADB, upon ADB's request, to discuss the financial statements for the Project and the Recipient's financial affairs where they relate to the Project with the auditors appointed pursuant to subsection (a)(iii) hereinabove, and shall authorize and require any representative of such auditors to participate in any such discussions requested by ADB. This is provided that such discussions shall be conducted only in the presence of an authorized officer of the Recipient, unless the Recipient shall otherwise agree.

Section 4.03. The Recipient, through MOLISA, MOIT and the relevant ministries, shall enable ADB's representatives to inspect the Project, the Goods and any relevant records and documents.

Section 4.04. The Recipient acknowledges and agrees that this Grant Agreement is entered into by ADB, not in its individual capacity, but as grant administrator for JFPR. Accordingly, the Recipient agrees that (a) it may only withdraw Grant proceeds to the extent that ADB has received proceeds for the Grant from JFPR and such proceeds has not been suspended or cancelled in whole or in part by JFPR, and (b) that ADB does not assume any obligations or responsibilities of JFPR in respect of the Project or the Grant other than those set out in this Grant Agreement.

Section 4.05. The Recipient shall take all actions which shall be necessary on its part to enable the TVET and Training Institutions to perform their obligations under the Project Agreement, and shall not take or permit any action which would interfere with the performance of such obligations.

ARTICLE V

Effectiveness

Section 5.01. The following is specified as an additional condition to the effectiveness of this Grant Agreement for the purposes of Section 9.01(e) of the Grant Regulations: that the Loan Agreement shall have been duly executed and delivered, and all conditions precedent to its effectiveness (other than a condition requiring the effectiveness of this Grant Agreement) shall have been fulfilled.

Section 5.02. A date 90 days after the date of this Grant Agreement is specified for the effectiveness of this Grant Agreement for the purposes of Section 9.04 of the Grant Regulations.

ARTICLE VI

Miscellaneous

Section 6.01. The Minister of Finance of the Recipient is designated as representative of the Recipient for the purposes of Section 11.02 of the Grant Regulations.

Section 6.02. The following addresses are specified for the purposes of Section 11.01 of the Grant Regulations:

For the Recipient

Ministry of Finance

No. 28 Tran Hung Dao Street
Hoan Kiem District
Ha Noi, Viet Nam

Facsimile Number:

(8424) 2220-8020

For ADB

Asian Development Bank
6 ADB Avenue
Mandaluyong City
1550 Metro Manila
Philippines

Facsimile Numbers:

(632) 636-2444
(632) 636-2228.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the parties hereto, acting through their representatives thereunto duly authorized, have caused this Grant Agreement to be signed in their respective names as of the day and year first above written and to be delivered at the principal office of ADB.

SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF VIET NAM

By _____
TRAN XUAN HA
Vice Minister
Ministry of Finance

ASIAN DEVELOPMENT BANK

By _____
ERIC SIDGWICK
Country Director
Viet Nam Resident Mission

SCHEDULE

Allocation and Withdrawal of Grant Proceeds

General

1. The table attached to this Schedule sets forth the Categories of items of expenditure to be financed out of the proceeds of the Grant and the allocation of the Grant proceeds to each such Category ("Table"). (Reference to "Category" in this Schedule is to a Category of the Table.)

Basis for Withdrawal from the Grant Account

2. Except as ADB may otherwise agree, the proceeds of the Grant shall be allocated to items of expenditure, and disbursed on the basis of the withdrawal percentage for each item of expenditure, as set forth in the Table.

Reallocation

3. Notwithstanding the allocation of Grant proceeds and the withdrawal percentages set forth in the Table,

(a) if the amount of the Grant allocated to any Category appears to be insufficient to finance all agreed expenditures in that Category, ADB may, in consultation with the Recipient, (i) reallocate to such Category, to the extent required to meet the estimated shortfall, amounts of the Grant which have been allocated to another Category but, in the opinion of ADB, are not needed to meet other expenditures, and (ii) if such reallocation cannot fully meet the estimated shortfall, reduce the withdrawal percentage applicable to such expenditures in order that further withdrawals under such Category may continue until all expenditures thereunder shall have been made; and

(b) if the amount of the Grant allocated to any Category appears to exceed all agreed expenditures in that Category, ADB may, in consultation with the Recipient, reallocate such excess amount to any other Category.

Disbursement Procedures

4. Except as ADB may otherwise agree, the Grant proceeds shall be disbursed in accordance with the Loan Disbursement Handbook.

Attachment to the Schedule

TABLE

ALLOCATION AND WITHDRAWAL OF GRANT PROCEEDS			
Number	**Item**	**Total Amount Allocated for JFPR Financing ($)**	**Basis for Withdrawal from the Grant Account**
		Category	
1	Equipment (Goods)	1,003,000	100% of total expenditure claimed
2	Training and Consulting Services	1,791,000	100% of total expenditure claimed
3	Unallocated	206,000	
	TOTAL	**3,000,000**	