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**Comments from Japan on the Approval by mail: Project Preparation Grant
for the Vietnam: Sustainable Urban Transport for Ho Chi Minh City MRT Line 2 Project
and Strengthening Sustainable Urban Transport for Ha Noi Metro Line 3 Project**

Dear CIF Administrative Unit

Please find attached JICA's Comment regarding the above project and another Metro Line Project, 'Strengthening Sustainable Urban Transport for Ha Noi Metro Line 3 Project', which you have sent us on 7th Sep 2011.

I assume that the latter project has been approved, however, JICA's comment does not affect the approval so I would appreciate it if you could consider and coordinate suitable arrangements.

Thank you for your help.

Kind regards,
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Ministry of Finance

Comments on the ADB Proposals for CTF

- (1) Sustainable Urban Transport for Ho Chi Minh City MRT Line 2 Project
- (2) Strengthening Sustainable Urban Transport for Ha Noi Metro Line 3 Project

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1. The proposed CTF projects are acceptable and welcomed for JICA, given the conditions that detail TORs are to be consulted and adjusted in the filed level with related TA projects conducted by JICA.
2. JICA is providing financial supports by ODA loans for Metro Lines 1 and 2 in Hanoi City and Line 1 in HCMC. In addition, JICA is also providing the local authorities with the TA projects, some of which address the overall institutional issues such as establishing operation and maintenance companies, urban development in and around the UMRT stations. While frequent dialogues between ADB and JICA is being made in the field level,

further close coordination and adjustment of TORs are expected so as to maximize the effects of TA interventions by the two agencies.

<Hanoi>

- (1) The project on integrated UMRT and urban development for Hanoi in Vietnam (HAIMUD Phase I) (completed in 2011)

Implementing Agency(IA):Hanoi Peoples Committee

(The final reports are available in JICA Web site and have been shared with ADB Hanoi and AFD Hanoi already).

- (2) HAIMUD Phase II (2012 – 14, under discussion with Hanoi City)

IA: Dept of Transport, Hanoi City

- (3) Project for Improving Public Transportation in Hanoi (Ongoing, 2011 – 14)

IA: TRAMOC, Hanoi City

- (4) Project for establish and agency managing the operation, maintenance and exploitation of metropolitan railway lines in Hanoi area (under preparation)

IA: Hanoi Railway Board

- (5) Preparatory Survey on UMRT Line 5 (under preparation, 2011-12)

IA: Ministry of Transport

<HCMC>

- (6) Preparatory Survey on Ben Thanh Central Station Project (ongoing, 2011)

IA: Management Authority for Urban Railways (MAUR)

- (7) The Project for Support of Set up of Operation and Maintenance Company of Urban Railways in Ho Chi Minh City (on going, 2011 – 2013)

IA: MAUR

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