

JAPAN VIETNAM MEETING

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International Affairs Department

If you are in the Japanese wastewater business, you must know July is the month of the Sewage Works Exhibition. The event started on July 26 in Nagoya this year.

The meeting mentioned above was held on July 27 along with the exhibition. The conference's official name is "Biannual Meeting of the Technical Cooperation in the field of Sewerage and Wastewater Treatment between the Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism of Japan and the Ministry of Construction of Vietnam," and this is the ninth time.



The ninth Japan Vietnam Meeting

It is my second time attending the eighth meeting held in Hanoi of Vietnam last October.

In the meetings, the Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport, and Tourism of Japan

(MLIT) and the Ministry of Construction (MOC) of Vietnam share information. Then Japanese municipalities that conduct wastewater activities in Vietnam report their latest results.

In the meeting in July, we had two main lectures. Ms. Tran Thi Thao Huong, Head of the drainage and wastewater treatment management division, ATI, MOC, made a speech on "Current status and future orientation in the sewerage and drainage in Vietnam."

After that, Mr. Yoshizawa, Watershed management, Sewerage, and wastewater management department, MLIT, talked about the "New challenge to prevent city inundation," including the current condition of inundation in Japan, its countermeasures, and R&D.

Then, municipalities' reports followed.

- Osaka City: Technical support as JICA's grass-roots activity to the Steering Center of the Urban Flood Control in the People's Committee of Ho Chi Minh City (HCMC) and Ho Chi Minh City Urban Drainage Company Limited (UDC.) Test construction of conduit rehabilitation method in Ho Chi Minh as Private Sector Partnership of JICA.
- Yokohama City: Technical cooperation with Hanoi Sewerage & Drainage Company (HSDC.) Case examples of sludge treatment technologies and their beneficial use in Hanoi city.
- Kitakyushu City: Technical cooperation with Hai Phong City as JICA's grass-roots activity
- Kobe City: Technical assistance to Kien Giang Province as JICA's grass-roots activity
- Kawasaki City: Technical support to Ba Ria-Vung Tau Province.

After the meeting, the Vietnamese left Nagoya for Tokyo and visited JS on July 29 for a courtesy call President Yato.



Courtesy call President Yato

We also discussed Vietnam Sewage Center (VSC), which is in progress.

Currently, many public-private projects in Vietnam are going on other than VSC mentioned above.

They are;

- Developing pipe jacking standards,
- Establishing a joint venture company for jacking pipes
- Assembly manholes in Hanoi by Global Works Co. Ltd.,
- Manholes test installation by Hinode, Ltd
- Construction work with pipe jacking by Yasuda Engineering Co., Ltd

Also, in the academic field, Vietnam-Japan University will officially start its first training courses in September 2016.

We cannot take our eyes off Vietnam for the time being.