

**Framework on Economic Cooperation  
between  
Kansai Bureau of Economy, Trade and Industry of Japan  
and  
Ho Chi Minh City People's Committee of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam**

Kansai Bureau of Economy, Trade and Industry of Japan (hereinafter “METI-KANSAI”) and Ho Chi Minh City People’s Committee of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam (hereinafter “Ho Chi Minh City”),

*Under the “Framework on Economic Cooperation between Kansai Bureau of Economy, Trade and Industry of Japan and Ministry of Industry and Trade of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam” (signed on May 19<sup>th</sup>, 2015),*

In furtherance of economic development of both the Kansai region and Ho Chi Minh City through the establishment and strengthening of sustainable economic relationship between METI-KANSAI and Ho Chi Minh City,

Have agreed, within the scope of conformance with laws and regulations of both countries, to cooperate in the following matters:

**1. Cooperation in the Development of Supporting Industries**

To promote the development and accumulation of supporting industries in Ho Chi Minh City, METI-KANSAI and Ho Chi Minh City will promote the provision of a business environment that facilitates the entry of supporting industries and corporations of Kansai into Ho Chi Minh City.

To achieve this, Ho Chi Minh City continuously sets Kansai desk, which serves to give advice to Kansai businesses that have already entered Ho Chi Minh City or that have an intention to enter Ho Chi Minh City in Ho Chi Minh City Export Processing and Industrial Zones Authority (HEPZA). METI-KANSAI will promote the appropriate entry of supporting industries and businesses of the Kansai region into Ho Chi Minh City.

To ensure smooth implementation of those activities, METI-KANSAI and Ho Chi Minh City will collaborate in the implementation of feasible measures relating to the following

matters:

- (1) Establishment of systems of support and cooperation;
- (2) Promotion of harmonization of information provision and information sharing;
- (3) Promotion of efficiency of administrative procedures.

## **2. Cooperation in the Development of Industrial Human Resources**

To nurture industrial human resources in Ho Chi Minh City that have the ability to lead and be widely active in industrial fields in Viet Nam in the future, METI-KANSAI and Ho Chi Minh City will take measures to promote the development of industrial human resources in Ho Chi Minh City.

To achieve this, METI-KANSAI and Ho Chi Minh City will discuss and implement feasible measures relating to the following matters:

- (1) Establishment of systems of support and cooperation;
- (2) Examination of industrial human resource development programs.

## **3. Cooperation in the Promotion of Economic, Trade and Business Exchanges**

To promote economic, trade and business exchanges between Kansai and Ho Chi Minh City, METI-KANSAI and Ho Chi Minh City will promote activities that will contribute to problem solving in industrial fields that are recognized as being important to both parties. To achieve this, METI-KANSAI and Ho Chi Minh City will discuss and implement feasible measures relating to the following matters:

- (1) Exchange of detailed information relating to economic trends, market needs, administrative procedures, etc.;
- (2) Implementation of business matching and seminars organized by either party or co-organized by both parties;
- (3) Cooperation to ensure the smooth implementation of relevant legal systems.

In order to establish and maintain prompt and practical communication between METI-KANSAI and Ho Chi Minh City, each party has assigned the following contact entities to manage all communications between the parties. Both parties will promptly assign appropriate contact persons and inform each other.

(1) For Ho Chi Minh City: Department of Industry and Trade

(2) For METI-KANSAI:

International Business Division

International Affairs Department

METI-KANSAI and Ho Chi Minh City will consistently implement the cooperative strategies as outlined under this document for three years following the date of signature. Both parties will regularly review the progress of activities under this document. Based on the results of the cooperative actions undertaken during these three years, both parties will investigate the possibility of further cooperation to promote the economic relationship between the Kansai region and Viet Nam, especially Ho Chi Minh City.

This document is created only for the purpose of facilitating economic cooperation between METI-KANSAI and Ho Chi Minh City, and has no legal binding force.

This Framework agreement is signed on September 7, 2016 in Osaka and made in two originals, each in the Vietnamese, Japanese and English languages; all texts being equally authentic. In case of any divergence of interpretation, the English text shall prevail.

**Ho Chi Minh City People's Committee,  
the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam**

**Kansai Bureau of Economy,  
Trade and Industry, Japan**

**Mr. Nguyen Thanh Phong  
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