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### **CONCLUSION OF GRANT AGREEMENT FOR TWO NEW GRANT AID PROJECTS FOR VIETNAM**

*Tokyo, November 28, 2023* –Grant Agreements for two Grant Aid projects in health and culture for Vietnam were signed between JICA and relevant authorities of Vietnam, as one of the important events in the 50th Anniversary of the Establishment of Diplomatic Relations between Japan and Vietnam (2023).

The Grant Agreement for *the Programme for COVID-19 Crisis Response Emergency Support* was signed by Mr. SANJO Akihito, Director General of Financial Cooperation Implementation Department of JICA Headquarters and Deputy Minister of Health, Prof. Dr. Tran Van Thuan. Total grant for this Program is up to 363 million Japanese Yen and will be used for strengthening the resilient health systems to prepare for post-COVID-19 pandemic through procurement of laboratory equipment related to testing and diagnosis of infectious diseases in the National Institute of Hygiene and Epidemiology (NIHE).

The Grant Agreement for *the Project for the Improvement of Conservation and Restoration Capacity for Cultural Heritage at the Viet Nam National Museum of History* was signed by Mr. SANJO Akihito, Director General of Financial Cooperation Implementation Department of JICA Headquarters and Deputy Minister of Culture, Sports, and Tourism, Hoang Dao Cuong.

With the total estimated grant up to 85.3 million Japanese Yen, the Project aims at improving Viet Nam's capacity for conserving existing cultural heritages as well as its ability for the development of advanced human resources through provision of equipment for analysis, disinfestation, storage and restoration of cultural heritage to the Vietnam National Museum of History.

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