

Hanoi to have metro in 2016

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VNBusinessNews.com - Hanoi will have the first metro route linking its northwestern area to the downtown district in 2016.

The 11.54km route from Nam Thang Long residential area to Tran Hung Dao street will include a 2.99km overhead section and 8.55km running underground with 10 stations.

Chief representative of the Japanese International Cooperation Agency in Vietnam Tsuno Motonori said that the construction of the project will begin in mid 2011 and finish by the end of 2014. The route will be put into operation in January 2016 after the testing period.

The metro route costing nearly JPY14.7 billion is one of the four biggest projects in Vietnam using Japanese Government's official development assistance (ODA) capital.

JICA said the organisation will provide consultation during the operation of the metro route between 2016 and 2020. It will also consider the provision of technical assistance to the project if necessary, he added.

Japanese technologies have been used in the building of urban railway systems in Bangkok (Thailand) and New Delhi and Calcutta (India). "This time we will apply this technique to building metro routes in Hanoi," said the chief representative.

He expressed his hope that the metro route will help ease traffic congestion in the capital city of Hanoi. (VNA)

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