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Largest wastewater treatment plant inaugurated

A wastewater treatment plant built with official development assistance (ODA) loans from the Japanese government was officially put into operation in Ho Chi Minh City on December 26.

The project, which broke the ground in Binh Hung ward, Binh Chanh district, in November 2004, is considered the largest of its kind in Vietnam.

In the first phase, the plant, with a design capacity of 140,000 cu.m per day, is expected to improve the living environment for the city's inhabitants. The capacity will increase to 500,000 cu.m per day in the second phase.

The Binh Hung wastewater treatment plant is part of Phase 1 of the Ho Chi Minh City Water Environment Improvement Project at the Tau Hu, Ben Nghe, Doi and Te canals. The project, sponsored by the Japan International Cooperation Agency, has a total investment capital of US\$245 million, of which 77 percent was sourced from the Japanese Government's ODA loan.

According to a drainage system development master plan, the city needs 8 more wastewater treatment plants.

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