Japan-Vietnam Agricultural Cooperation Dialogue has been held three times since 2014 with the aim to establish food value chains, etc., under a public-private partnership in Vietnam.

[The 1st High-Level Meeting on Japan-Vietnam Agricultural Cooperation Dialogue (June 2014)]
Formulation of a Medium- to Long-Term Vision for establishing food value chains in Vietnam was confirmed.

[The 2nd High-Level Meeting on Japan-Vietnam Agricultural Cooperation Dialogue (August 2015)]
The Medium- to Long-Term Vision for Japan-Vietnam Agricultural Cooperation for establishing food value chains in Vietnam was approved. A public-private partnership for steady implementation of activities in the Vision was confirmed. In the presence of Prime Minister Abe, the Record of Discussion of the Dialogue was signed in September 2015.

[The 3rd Japan-Vietnam Agricultural Cooperation Dialogue (September 2016)]
Progress of the activities listed in the action plans of the Medium- to LongTerm Vision for Japan-Vietnam Agricultural Cooperation was confirmed and continuous cooperation between both countries towards further promotion of the activities was also agreed.

In the meetings, the Vietnam side explained about its preferential measures for various investments while JETRO, JICA, and Japanese and Vietnamese businesses presented their activities in Vietnam. The Vietnam side also explained about establishing a working group in the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development for smooth investment and developing the systems in which the Department of International Cooperation provides a consulting service to Japanese businesses.

[Participating private companies and agencies]
The number of participating companies has increased annually: 11 companies in the first meeting, 25 companies in the second, and 51 companies in the third. The Agricultural Cooperation Dialogue will be held every year continuously as a promotion system of the Medium- to Long-Term Vision for Japan-Vietnam Agricultural Cooperation.
In the Medium- to Long-Term Vision for Japan-Vietnam Agricultural Cooperation, action plans to be implemented in model regions in five years (2015 – 2019) are provided with the aims to address medium- and long-term issues in the agricultural sector in Vietnam. It was approved by the Ministers of Agriculture of Japan and Vietnam at the second High-Level Meeting on Japan-Vietnam Agricultural Cooperation Dialogue held in August 2015.

Both ministers agreed to hold the Japan-Vietnam Agricultural Cooperation Dialogue every year as a follow-up system of the Medium- to Long-Term Vision.

The third Japan-Vietnam Agricultural Cooperation Dialogue was held on September 27, 2016 where the progress of various initiatives in line with the action plans of the Vision was confirmed.

Main achievements of the Action Plan (until September 2016)

1. Enhancing productivity and added value
   - Model region (Nghe An Province)
     - In the North Nghe An Irrigation System Upgrading Project, in January 2016, reform work commenced on deteriorating irrigation facilities.

2. Food processing and product development
   - Model region (Lam Dong Province)
     - Promoting high-value-added activities by sorting harvested vegetables.
     - Supporting a test introduction of sorters under the Small and Medium-Sized Enterprise Partnership Promotion Survey of JICA.

3. Developing distribution and cold chain
   - Model region (suburbs of Hanoi, Ho Chi Minh, etc.)
     - Through initiatives of the private sector, construction of refrigerated warehouses and investment for establishing cold distribution systems are promoted.

4. Cross-sectoral activities
   - Development of advanced human resources (Can Tho University, etc.)
     - In August 2016, a chair course was opened in Vietnam National University of Agriculture where a 10-day intensive course is provided by 11 Japanese businesses, etc.