

The Electric Utility Business in Vietnam

1. Structure of the electric utility business in Vietnam

The electric utility business in Vietnam is run by Vietnam Electricity (EVN), a state-owned power company. Under the authority of the Ministry of Industry and Trade, EVN takes charge of every phase of the business, from power generation to transmission to distribution.

2. A brief classification of power generation facilities in Vietnam

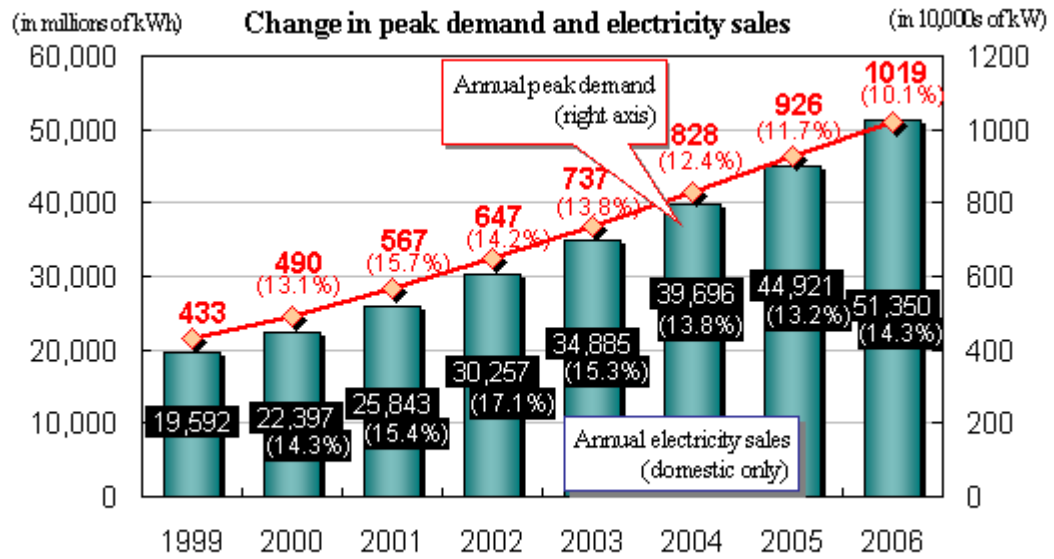
As reflected in the flurry of large-scale thermal power plants having started operation in recent years, thermal power generation accounts for about 60% of the country's total power production. A majority of the power generation capacity is dependent on power generation facilities operated by EVN and independent power producers (IPPs).

Type	Vietnam	Japan	TEPCO (for reference)
Power generation facilities	12.358 million kW	275.53 million kW	62.47 million kW
Hydroelectric power	4.583 million kW (37.1%)	47.37 million kW (17%)	8.99 million kW (14%)
Thermal power	7.49 million kW (60.6%)	176.34 million kW (64%)	36.18 million kW (58%)
Nuclear power	-	49.47 million kW (18%)	17.31 million kW (28%)
Other	0.285 million kW (0.2%)	2.35 million kW (1%)	0.004 million kW (0%)

(As of the end of FY 2006 for Vietnam and Japan, the end of FY 2007 for TEPCO)

3. Demand for electricity in Vietnam

Peak demand and electricity sales have been increasing year after year, reflecting the country's economic growth. In particular, demand for electricity is soaring in the south, where new factories have been built by overseas companies. There is a concern that the area may face power shortages in the near future.



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