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It gives me great pleasure to know about the First GIS-IDEAS Conference to be held from 25-28 September 2002 here in Hanoi. I would like to congratulate the Japan-Vietnam Geoinformatics Consortium for organizing this important meeting.

Information and communication technologies have a vital role in our socio - economic development. I hope that the Conference will not only contribute to our knowledge and understanding of our natural and social environment, but also help in building new and long lasting ties in the area of science and technology between Japan and Vietnam.

I wish the GIS-IDEAS Conference every success and hope that the Japan-Vietnam Geoinformatics Consortium will keep up its good work and render meaningful contribution to the society.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ho Duc Viet", is written over a horizontal line. A small dot is placed to the right of the signature.

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