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I heartily celebrate that International Symposium on Geoinformatics for Spatial Infrastructure Development in Earth and Allied Science (GIS-IDEAS) being held in Hanoi, on 25th to 28th, September, 2002.

This Symposium is held as one of activities of the Japan-Vietnam Geoinformatics Consortium (JVGC). The JVGC aims to promote co-operation in the advancements of information technology for theoretical and practical solutions of problems in Earth and allied sciences. The GIS-IDEAS is conducted, based on the spirit of JVGC.

The recent remarkable advances in information technologies has paved the way for scientific co-operation by providing the access to many kinds of data, scientific publications and software. These information techniques are available to broad research areas, and it has becomes easy to analyze many spatial datasets. The present is the time it is necessary to prudently apply of these science and technology solutions.

In developing countries, we can understand the necessity of national land developments, but we must strive for sustainability and harmony with the natural environment. For this purpose, it is important to utilize science and techniques of Geoinformatics. In this symposium, many participants present and discuss various fields of science and technology on Geoinformatics. This is an epoch-making event, and we are hoping for many excellent and useful results.

On behalf of Japanese group, I express my sincere thanks to sponsors in Vietnam, Ministry of Education and Training, Socialist Republic of Vietnam, Hanoi University of Mining and Geology, Hanoi University of Science and other organizations. I believe that we owe the success of this symposium to their support and contributions.

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