



MESSAGE FROM CO-CHAIRPERSON JVGC

I would like to welcome you to GIS-IDEAS and also to thank all the esteemed participants for finding time to gather here. We have assembled in this historic city of Hanoi today, and over the next three days we will discuss and deliberate on issues related to application of Geoinformatics in earth and allied sciences.

This meeting is organized under the aegis of "Japan-Vietnam Geoinformatics Consortium" (JVGC) which has been established November 20, 2001. The purpose of JVGC is to serve as a platform for researchers and engineers to exchange views and share information related to Geoinformatics and its applications and also to contemplate ways and means putting their experiences to practice for the betterment of socio – economic development in Vietnam. JVGC aims to act as a link between Japanese researchers and Vietnamese colleagues so that long-standing academic and technical cooperation can be promoted and nurtured.

I am very happy to see that with the first year of its establishment, JVGC has been able to garner overwhelming support both from the international and national scientific community. Organization of GIS-IDEAS and the release of its proceedings as the first JVGC Technical Document is a great milestone in the short history of JVGC. The GIS-IDEAS aims to focus on investigating ways and means for effective use of IT tools for prudent management and timely communication of information related to our natural and social environment.

Finally, I would like to express my sincere thanks to various institutions that supported the organization of GIS-IDEAS and to the various committee members for their advice and support. I would like to give my special thanks to the Co-Coordinator of GIS-IDEAS, Dr. Hoang Minh Hien and Dr. Venkatesh Raghavan for the tremendous effort they have put to make GIS-IDEAS happen.

I hope that you will also take this opportunity to explore the beautiful city of Hanoi and carry sweet memories of your stay here. Thank you.

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