



Dear Friends and Colleagues:

It is my greatest pleasure to welcome all the Vietnamese and international scientist to the GIS-IDEAS Symposium 2004 held in Hanoi from 16-18 September 2004.

The Symposium, focusing on the application Geoinformatics for sustainable management of natural resources, environment and mitigation of natural hazards, will be a positive and valuable contribution of the Vietnamese, Japanese and international scientists to the cause of sustainable development of Vietnam as well as to the Southeast Asia region. I do believe the Symposium, aiming at enhancing communication, broadening exchange and promoting cooperation will surely attract you with its wide variety of subjects and diversity of views.

Let me take this opportunity to express our best wishes to all contributors and participants of the GIS-IDEAS 2004. May the Symposium be a great success.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'H. Duc Viet', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

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