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Message from Chairperson JVGC (Japan)

I heartily celebrate that International Symposium on Geoinformatics for Spatial Infrastructure Development in Earth and Allied Science (GIS-IDEAS) being held in Hanoi, on 16th to 18th, September, 2004.

This Symposium is held as one of major 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 to problems in Earth and allied sciences. The GIS-IDEAS is conducted, based on the sprit of “*Learning together, growing together*” which is the motto 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 and share many spatial datasets. In present time it is necessary to prudently apply these science and technology solutions for peace and prosperity.

Our experiences in Japan have led us to understand and value the importance of national infrastructure development, but there is also a great obligation to strive for sustainability and harmony with the natural environment. For this purpose, it is important to effectively utilize science and techniques of Geoinformatics. In this symposium, many participants will present and discuss various aspects of research and development in Geoinformatics. I sincerely hope that the second GIS-IDEAS symposium provide excellent solutions and useful results.

On behalf of JVGC members from Japan, I express my sincere thanks to organizers and supporters of the GIS-IDEAS 2004. I believe that we owe the success of this symposium to their support and contributions. I wish the GIS-IDEAS 2004 all success.

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