



MESSAGE FROM. CO-CHAIRPERSON JVGC

Dear Colleagues,

On behalf of the Japan-Vietnam Geoinformatics Consortium (JVGC) and the Organizing Committee I would like to welcome you to participate in the GIS-IDEAS 2004 held in Hanoi, Vietnam on 16-18 September 2004.

During the GIS-IDEAS, keynote speakers and researchers will discuss and deliberate on issues related to application of Geoinformatics for sustainable management of natural resources, environment and mitigation of natural hazards. While there is an urgent need to address these important issues, we must not wane in our efforts to preserve and cherish our rich history and traditions. The Special Session on Historical GIS during the GIS-IDEAS 2004 will be dedicated to reflect the commitment of JVGC to discuss ways and means for preservation and protection our cultural heritage for the generations to come.

With the theme “application Geoinformatics for sustainable management for natural resources, environment and mitigation of natural hazards”, this Symposium has been designed to exchange new information and to update the participants on the important developments in this rapidly changing field. The most recent information and new study results will be presented in the form of state-of-the-art lectures, posters and round tables.

I hope that GIS-IDEAS will enrich you with new knowledge, foster friendship and strengthen academic and scientific ties between nations. As a Chairperson of JVGC, I pledge do my best to encourage my Vietnamese colleagues to use GIS-IDEAS as a platform for information sharing and actively pursue exchanges and scientific collaboration with our international peers. I also hope that GIS-IDEAS, as a scientific event, will continue to grow from strength to strength to be a must attend event and a landmark meeting and exhibition in the scientific calendar for the region.

I would like to express my high appreciation to institutions and organizations for their strong and extensive support to the organization of the GIS-IDEAS 2004. I am especially grateful to the members of the JVGC Advisory Board and Executive Committees, JVGC Coordinators, Members of the Organizing and Steering Committee of GIS-IDEAS 2004 for their cooperation and support.

Finally, I would like to call upon all of you to take opportunity to explore the beauty of Hanoi, the city that will celebrate its 50th anniversary of liberation this October and preparing for 1000-year commemoration in 2010

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