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### Message from the President, Osaka City University

I would like to commend the Japan-Vietnam Geoinformatics Consortium (JVGC) for taking the initiative to organize the International Symposium on GeoInformatics for Spatial-Infrastructure Development in Earth and Allied Sciences (GIS-IDEAS). I am very pleased to see that Osaka City University is playing a leading role in organizing this important event and promoting close cooperation between Japanese and Vietnamese researchers in the field of GeoInformatics.

The Osaka City University, a leading public and municipal university in Japan, offers state-of-the-art education and services in the area of Information Technology that encompasses GeoInformatics as a key technology for planning, management and prudent use of our natural, social and human environment.

Our Faculty and Alumni have not only been involved in the founding of the JVGC, but have also actively promoted GeoInformatics in Vietnam, thereby enabling the scientists and researchers in both countries to share their knowledge and experiences in this key technology.

I am confident that the GIS-IDEAS 2004 Symposium will further encourage collaboration among GeoInformatics specialists in Vietnam and Japan and provide them with the opportunity to work closely together to further scientific understanding and forge strong academic ties.

And, I hope that this symposium will intensify a friendly relationship between Japanese and Vietnamese more and more.

I would like to extend to the JVGC my sincere appreciation for their efforts and wish the GIS-IDEAS 2004 Symposium every success.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Satoru Kaneko".

Prof. Satoru KANEKO  
President,  
Osaka City University, Japan