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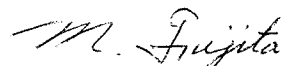
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As a matter of fact, I do not deny that I felt anxiety when we started this big project, the JSPS-NCST Core University Program (CUP). How will we work it out? What should we start first with? But I found out that I did not have to worry so much when I saw excellent work of Prof. Pham Hung Viet, the coordinator of the Vietnam side, and the list of Japanese researchers. Prof. Viet listed all necessary researchers for this project in a very short period of time and took care of all tedious arrangements, in his society, which were absolutely needed to obtain the best results for the project. I truly appreciated his eagerness about it. This project could not be as powerful and active as it is today if he were not the coordinator. Thank you very much for your support, Prof. Viet. I became more confident for success in the project when I saw the members of Japanese researchers. Although they were all very busy for their own projects, they were willing to join and support the project. I could not be happier about the fact that the researchers who were ones of the best and front-line in their fields were interested in and gave helps to the project. I appreciate very much their support and hope that they will obtain fruitful results in the project.

This FY 2000 annual report discusses the project in very preliminary steps. But all reports imply important clues for environmental issues that lie between Japan and Vietnam. The results from the project will contribute to environmental preservation and sustainable development not only in Vietnam but also in the Asian community and, moreover, in the world. This is my wish.

I would like to express my sincere appreciation to JSPS and NCST for giving us their continual support for the CUP project.



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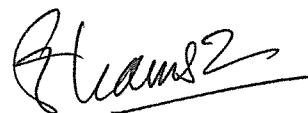
The Vietnamese scientists in the network of the JSPS-NCST Core University Program (CUP) are very happy to strongly cooperate with the Japanese counterparts in the field of environmental science and technology. After the program was implemented for one year, we achieved specific fruitful results in both scientific reports and scientific exchange activities between Vietnamese and Japanese scientists. We are very thankful to JSPS which has made a continual endeavor to support our long term program. We would highly appreciate the significant role of all the members in the Coordination Office in Osaka. Especially, we

would like to express our truthful thanks to Prof. Masanori Fujita for his great contribution to organizing and coordinating the Program activities and making scientific connection between the leading Japanese and Vietnamese researchers.

After two years being started, our CUP carried out ten Cooperative Research Projects in the field of water, air and soil pollution investigations; assessment and monitoring of environmental pollution in the coastal lines and water and waste treatment technologies. The Program arranged successfully the scientific exchanges for more than 40 Japanese and Vietnamese researchers. The Japanese scientists spent their valuable time communicating and exchanging their experiences and cooperative researches with Vietnamese counterparts. This is a very good chance for Vietnamese young scientists to access the relevant environmental science in the world.

We do hope the FY 2000 Annual report will contain the fruitful results of the scientific cooperation between Japanese and Vietnamese scientists in our common research program in the field of environmental science.

Once again, on behalf of the Vietnamese scientists in the network of the CUP, we would like to show our sincere thankfulness to the JSPS for their kind support to the CUP and also would like to convey our best regards to all the members in the Coordination Office in Osaka.



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