Distinguished Guests,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

First of all, it is a great honour for me, on behalf of President Board of Vietnam National University Hanoi, to extend a warm welcome to the delegates from various countries as well as from many research institutes and universities in Vietnam attending the International Conference on “Sustainable manufacturing and environmental management” organized by VNU University of Economics and Business, and JSPS ASIAN CORE PROGRAM, Nagoya University. I particularly welcome professors and scholars from Japan, South Korea and China who have come to Vietnam to join this conference.

The concept of sustainable development was officially used in the early 80s of the 20th century, generally meaning the development which meet requirements of present generation but do not interfere with the needs of future generation. This process demands for a strict, rational and harmonious combination among three aspects: economic development, social development and environmental preservation. Among them, environmental aspect requires us to maintain the balance between protecting the environment and exploiting natural resources for the aims of human being. This is to keep the environmental exploitation at permitted limit and allow the environment to continue supporting for living conditions of human and living things on earth.

Besides, environmental protection has become the urgent problem of the whole society. Over-exploitation of natural resources, increase in exhaust fumes, polluted water, garbage, refuse, abuse of insecticides, chemical and uncontrolled forest
cutting...has caused seriously environmental pollution in many countries, which is one of main reasons causing diseases, natural calamity, ecosystem crisis, especially global warming – one of disasters to mankind.

The international conference on “Sustainable manufacturing and environmental management” is organized to provide a place for delegates, scholars, researchers to meet with each other and discuss various issues related to sustainable manufacturing and environmental management.

This conference is also designed to enhance the development of academic and research collaboration between various universities and research institutions among countries. In order to become the research cluster within the region, The Vietnam National University is giving strong emphasis on the development of such movement.

Established as two university system directly under the administration of Government, Vietnam National University, Hanoi is the biggest inter-disciplinary research university and strategically to be developed as a Think-tank centre providing policy consultancy for both government as well as industries of Vietnam. The purpose of this conference thus is suitable with this development strategy of VNU.

As the sponsoring organization of the conference, Vietnam National University, Hanoi, I would like to send my compliments to the organizers and my special thanks to more than 50 professors and scholars from Japan, South Korea, and China to come to Vietnam and cooperate with VNU University of Economics and Business to organize this event.

This conference also contributes to build the image of Vietnam National University in general and UEB-VNU in particular as a destination of world knowledge.

Finally, on behalf of Vietnam National University, I wish the conference will be a great success.

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