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“Sustainable Manufacturing and Environmental Management”
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Distinguished Guests,
Ladies and Gentlemen,

On behalf of VNU University of Economics and Business, I would like to send my warmest welcome to all of you for attending the international conference on “Sustainable Manufacturing and Environmental Management”

The Development Strategy of Vietnam for the period 2011 - 2020 emphasizes the priority of sustainable development, including: Maintaining sustainable economic growth, step-by-step implementing green growth, developing clean energy and renewable energy; implementing sustainable production and consumption; ensuring food security, developing agriculture and rural sustainability; executing social welfare policies, protecting the independence, sovereignty of the country and actively promoting international integration. The strategy also provides specific solutions to
improve the institutional system and strengthen the quality of governance for economic development of the country.

At the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation Summit in 2012, President of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam has announced our efforts to promote sustainable growth, contributing to the dynamism, prosperity of the APEC region including enhance sustainable manufacturing and maintain environmental management. In order to achieve this, Vietnam must find solutions to adapt our activities in science and business to cope with economical, ecological and social challenges of sustainability by technological innovation with special focus on manufacturing and environmental management.

_Distinguished Guest,_

_Ladies and Gentlemen,_

VNU University of Economics and Business aims to become a destination of world knowledge and a forum for researchers, scholars, lecturers and policy makers to meet and discuss issues related to sustainable development. In order to improve and strengthen the academic exchanges and economic cooperation in Northeast Asia and Southeast Asia, VNU University of Economics and Business in cooperation with ASIAN CORE PROGRAM, Nagoya University organize the ASIAN CORE PROGRAM Conference (2012) “Sustainable Manufacturing and Environmental Management” at Daewoo Hotel, Hanoi, Vietnam.

The Conference on Sustainable Manufacturing and Environmental Management contributes to the discussion and analysis of polices and solutions towards sustainable development, especially Sustainable Manufacturing and Environmental Development as Vietnam Communist Party and Government has raised. The conference will also bring under its domain, the technical matters of framing business models of sustainable development, environmental management of it, energy conversion, green materials and metallurgy developments and the policies of recycle and reuse of resources.

The conference will be the place for all scholars, researchers, economists to meet and discuss issues related to sustainable manufacturing,
environmental management for developing sustainable manufacture, optimization of supply chain distribution system for production and business activities, cooperation development between Vietnam and countries in East Asia, especially Japan. This event is also an opportunity for delegates to exchange, discuss solutions to improve research and training quality in Sustainable Manufacturing and Environmental Management in Vietnam in general and at University of Economics and Business in particular. As you know, our strategic vision is to become one of the leading reach university in policy analysis and training in economics, business administration in Vietnam as well as gradually approach the international level. Consequently, I hope that you delegates will actively participate in this seminar to cooperate and brainstorm with our university to achieve this purpose.

On this occasion, I would like to send my sincere thanks to our local and international partners, scientists, policy makers, lecturers and students who have spent your valuable time to attend the conference at University of Economics and Business. Your participation today contributes to establish the image of Vietnam National University in general and University of Economics and Business in particular as a destination of world knowledge.

I also would like to leaders of Vietnam National University and Nagoya University, specifically Professor Soemon Takakuwa, for cooperating and supporting to organize this event.

Moreover, on behalf of VNU University of Economics and Business, I would like to send my sincere thanks to the Asian Research Center for their supporting and sponsoring to organize the International Conference “Sustainable Manufacturing and Environmental Management”. The sponsorship of Asian Research Center has been a great contribution to the success of the conference. We hopes that we will continue receive cooperation and support from Asian Research Center in particular and Vietnam National University in general for other events in the future.

Finally I wish all of you good health and good luck. I wish the conference will be a great success.

Thank you very much!