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My name is Vu Thuy Duong. I am an official from Viet Nam Disaster and Dyke Management Authority (VDDMA), under the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development.

As a member of the Department of Science, Technology, and International Cooperation at VDDMA, my responsibilities include disseminating information about risk and disaster events in Vietnam and globally. Through VDDMA's websites and social media channels, we communicate timely updates, including situation reports and damage infographics. Notably, during the historic natural

disaster in Vietnam's Central region in 2020, VDDMA successfully mobilized support from international organizations, resulting in an impressive total of USD 25 million. We expressed our appreciation by widely acknowledging the assistance provided by our international partners in our communication platforms.

Participating in the ADRC Visiting Researcher Program has provided me with valuable insights into the disaster management system and the unwavering commitment of Japanese citizens in combating natural disasters. What truly stands out is the engagement of the community in disaster risk reduction, particularly through capacity-building initiatives and awareness-raising events that I actively participated during my visit. These experiences have enriched my knowledge, and I aspire to apply the lessons and initiatives learned here to enhance my work in Viet Nam.

Lastly, I would like to express my sincere gratitude to the ADRC and VDDMA for providing me with this invaluable learning opportunity. I would also like to extend my thanks to ADRC colleagues and my fellow 2023 visiting researchers who have been supporting me and making my time in Japan truly memorable.