

**Presentation by Mr.H.E Le Huy Ngo**  
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*Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen:*

Vietnam delegation has highly appreciated for the World Conference on Disaster Reduction. We also express our sincere gratitude to the organizer and host of the Conference, the Japanese Government and Kobe, Hyogo and all the organizing and people who have contributed to the Conference.

The losses of lives of the people from earthquake and tsunami in the Indian Ocean over three weeks ago are the most serious natural disaster of this Century. On behalf of the Vietnam Delegation, I express our deepest sympathy the afflicted countries and people. This tsunami catastrophes has reminded us lessons to learn for the other natural disaster such as typhoon, flood, landslide etc...

*Ladies and Gentlemen*

Vietnam is a country often suffer from these's natural disaster therefore Vietnam would like to contribute the specific results from this Conference:

- 1- Enhance information exchange and sharing on natural disaster with other countries.

2- Strengthening international and regional cooperation on early warning, expertise and new technologies.

3- Vietnam highly appreciated the innovation from China for establishing Regional Mechanisms on natural disaster and early warning, Mr. President no boundary for natural disaster, We hope this Conference will produce specific measure and contribute to minimize the damage from natural disaster.

*Thank you for your attention*