From Editor in Chief

We passed one year from March 11th, 2011. Japan marks first disaster anniversary of earthquake and tsunami that killed at least 15,000 people and sparked a major nuclear and humanitarian crisis. What did we learn from the past? Association Geo-information and Communication Technology (AGeoICT) with IGRDJ has mourned and remained silence at the office remembering the people who were killed by the 2011 disasters in Japan and other parts of the world, whether it is natural or man-made disasters. We MUST believe that a disaster occur when we forget the history. Association Geo-information and Communication Technology with International Geo-informatics Research and Development Journal (IGRDJ) have been trying to share the knowledge of Earth observation and applications of space technology with all scientists and researchers in the world and welcome every one to put a drop of water to flow the river and teach to bring better development for the environment and future generation. .

This issue will share the research peer reviewed papers from Malaysia, India, Iraq, Iran, Pakistan, Turkey and UAE. These papers discuss the highway rout optimization; image processing and classification; ASTER GDEM for Himalayans; sensors data storage; deforestation; urban growth using multi-temporal remote sensing data and GIS.

I am very happy to inform you that IGRDJ has applied for indexing in Elsevier, Scopus and ISI in early 2012. We are hoping to get the indexing for the journal in this year. In this regards I would like to appreciate the decision makers in this regard. "***Waterloo Institute Disaster Management***" (WIDM) aims to bring the better environment to participate in contributing knowledge. AGeoICT (www.igrdg.com) will have 6th SASTech 2012 (http://www.6thsastech.khi.ac.ir/) conference in Malaysia during 24th and 25th March 2012. There will be a workshop on "LIDAR remote sensing" by Prof. Jonathan Li from University of Waterloo, Canada. I invite you all researchers and scientists to participate in this big event.

On a closing note, we welcome all related conferences for joint partnership and scientific collaboration and to publish special issue from their event in AGeoICT. We are very concern about the quality of the articles and the journal. Our editorial team have been trying to work out to qualify for the ISI and IF figure. I welcome all researchers, scientists, academicians, managers, directors and students to send papers and share their knowledge in this content.

Finally, welcome you all and look forward to receive your comments and suggestions that can help us for better quality in future issues, please.

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