



June 17, 2020

Prof. Dr. Paul Becker  
President  
Federal Agency for Cartography and Geodesy

**Re: Sustaining the Global Geodetic Reference Frame – the German application for a United Nations Global Geodetic Centre of Excellence (GGCE) in Germany**

Dear Professor Becker:

I am very pleased to hear that Germany is proposing to establish a United Nations Global Geodetic Centre of Excellence (GGCE) at the United Nations Campus in Bonn. We appreciate your tremendous effort and contribution to enhance and sustain the Global Geodetic Reference Frame (GGRF)

As the government authority for geospatial information, we, Geospatial Information Authority of Japan (GSI) has been participating in international geodetic observations and contributed to realization and maintenance of GGRF over 20 years. As a member of the Subcommittee of Geodesy, the GSI recognizes the urgent need in the global geodetic panorama as a tangible mechanism towards sustaining the GGRF and strongly supports your idea to submit a proposal for establishing a GGCE in Germany to the coming tenth session of UN-GGIM.

We would be grateful if this letter could be of help for you to proceed to submit the proposal for the establishment of the first GGCE in Bonn to the UN-GGIM tenth session. If you have any question, please contact MIYAHARA Basara (miyahara-b96ip@mlit.go.jp)

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of the Japanese characters '大木 章一' (Okino Shoichi) followed by a horizontal line.

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