

REMARKS BY PROFESSOR YUKATA MATUSUO AT GCI PROGRAM LAUNCHING CEREMONY

Time: 17.30 – 18.00, Wednesday, 17th September, 2025

Location: B1 Lecture Hall, 3rd floor Block B1, 2025

Duration: Approx. 5 minutes

It is a great honor to be here at Hanoi University of Science and Technology this evening. On behalf of Matsuo Lab members, I would like to express my sincere gratitude for the support and interest. We are truly delighted that the very first GCI Global Lecture begins here at HUST.

This would not have been possible without the generous support of our partners. I would especially like to thank Mr. Yamada and colleagues from the JICA DX Lab, as well as the President of HUST, Vice President Professor Yem, Professor Le, and other faculty members from HUST.

Your commitment and leadership have been essential in making this collaboration a reality, and we are deeply grateful.

Let me briefly introduce GCI. Within Matsuo Lab, GCI has become our most popular course. It is an introductory lecture in AI and data science, but it is not just about algorithms and models. What makes GCI unique is its strong connection to society and business. Students learn how to analyze real marketing data, and then they go a step further by developing strategic proposals for companies. In this way, the program links technical skills to the creation of socio-economic value.

Now, with GCI Global starting today, we are taking this vision to a larger scale. I am proud to share that more than 7,700 participants from 430 institutions around the world have joined us in this program.

This remarkable level of engagement demonstrates both the importance of AI education and the enthusiasm of young generations who want to apply data science to real-world challenges. I believe HUST, with its outstanding tradition in engineering and innovation, is the perfect place to host the GCI Global. HUST is also the school with the highest number of applications, and approximately 1,500 students have joined the program.

I am confident that our collaboration will not only benefit students, but also create new opportunities for knowledge sharing and partnership across borders. Finally, I want to emphasize that AI education is not only about technologies. It is also about building

bridges between academia and industry, between nations, and ultimately between people. Through GCI Global, I hope we can inspire students to view AI as a driver of creativity, entrepreneurship, and social impact.

So once again, thank you to JICA, to HUST, and to all of you for joining us today. I very much look forward to working together to make this program a great success. Thank you. Cam on.