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Dear The Promotion Foundation for Electrical Science and Engineering,

I am really surprised to know that I was selected as one of the few candidates for the Electrical Science and Engineering Promotion Student Paper Awards. And I feel so lucky and happy to be present at the ceremony to receive the award.

First of all, allowing me to express my sincere thanks to The Promotion Foundation for Electrical Science and Engineering - this award organization. I would like to deeply thank IDW committee providing me an opportunity to participate in conference, to learn, and recommending my paper as "Student Paper Award". And above all, I would like to thank my professor, Susumu Horita. In order to receive this noble award, he guided and helped me a lot.

As you probably know, science work is not simple, especially for foreign students like me. Coming from Vietnam, a country whose economy, science and technology are much less developed than Japan, the first days I came to Japan are the most difficult days. I have some difficulties in study. I don't know Japanese. I don't know anything about machinery and modern equipment. How can I use the machines to study? Everything is completely new to me. Also, I face to financial difficulties. My life in Japan is not enough guarantee, and so on. But, thanks to the encouragement of my family, the support of my professor, and the help of my lab-mate students, step-by-step, I try to overcome all of difficulties.

The award I received will help me more self-confident. It is the motivation to encourage me spending more effort for the research that I am pursuing. I hope that before I graduate, I can fabricate a good scientific product for commercial applications, contribute a little to the development of science and technology. After graduation and returning to my hometown, I hope I can use the knowledge, what I learned in Japan, learned from my professor to develop my country.

Finally, allowing me to express my deep thanks again to the Foundation, the IDW committee, my professor, and my family. I wish all of you healthy and lucky. I hope that the Foundation will further develop, success and always companion with talented young researchers.

Thank you so much!

Sincerely yours,



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