

Closing Remarks

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First of all, I would like to thank all of you for your participation in this Forum. Thanks to your active participation, this meeting was successful and made a good progress from the last Regional Forum.

It is not only because of the participation of new eight countries, but also because of the substantive discussions made among the participants.

I have heard many suggestions on how to go for our future activities. Some of them were suggesting the subjects to be discussed, while others were suggesting how to organize the discussions in future forums.

I have also understood well the strong interests of the participants for the modality to implement the developed ideas and strategies which I also share the same interests with you. At this forum, we have invited representatives of aid agencies and organizations which are providing financial supports to these activities already, or initiating new such arrangements which are possibly applicable for our EST activities including those for co-benefits. I hope such assisting mechanisms will function in support of our EST activities in future.

In addition to the introduction of some success stories, introduction of successful case of institutional management was also requested. While we stop the discussion in the meeting room now, I am certain we can learn further the successful case of Singapore in terms of institutional management at the occasion of field visit tomorrow. Without that, they should not be able to achieve this success story.

As was kindly offered by the delegation of Korea, next EST Forum would be organized in Korea in the beginning of the next year. Suggestions and advices we have received at this Forum would be well considered through the preparation process for the next Forum.

Finally, on behalf of all the participants, I would like to express our sincere appreciation again to the Government of Singapore, in particular, LTA and NEA for their warm hospitality as well as the efficient support for organizing this Forum.

Bon voyage and safe return back to your home and family.