

Afterword

Well, thank you so much everybody. It is almost past the time we had been allowed for discussion. Of course, we could just continue for another 24 hours like a movie, but we have to stop and I have to just wrap this up in 10 seconds—do not worry, not 10 minutes, only 10 seconds. One, it was a really good session, as good as the first session, as good as the keynote, and I am so happy. Why it was so good? The reason was very simple. You were so deeply involved. You were so active. You were really engaged and you have genuinely provoked these wonderful people here, not only in the first session but the second as well. I highly appreciate it—my 10 seconds just got over.

I am now changing my hat and I will give a closing remark of sorts—so another ten seconds, and almost the same message. Today was good. Today was wonderful, and I think as I said at the very beginning, this was the third meeting or symposium with the same subject matter. It means that this will become a regular feature. The Hiroshima University campus is very open, and we are hopeful that you will join us, just so we could have a wonderful time with all of you—not only on the occasion of the event, but in between as well.

You have your own questions, agendas and so on, and we are very much open and happy to share. And if that contributes to further opening up this university, as a place that is not only global but also rooted in a sense of community, I think that is the least we can do—whether you are men or women, youngsters or seniors. I think this is the first step toward peace and this is your very unique contribution.

Thank you so much. As I said, from ten in the morning until now—it is almost six—we have had really rich discussions, a wonderful time, and drank too much coffee. But I think this is the proverbial happy ending. I really appreciate it and thank you so much. Of course, I would like to thank the staff and the young students who really made a wonderful contribution to ensure today's meeting was such a big success. Thank you, I really appreciate it.

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