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## Closing

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I am truly grateful to everyone for taking part in -- and doing so with fervent passion - this Japanese and German Dialogue on Businesses for a Reduce-Reuse-Recycle Economy that commemorates this Year of Germany in Japan.

As you well know, global warming and the world's depleting resources are very serious problems that seem to only worsen as time goes by. In order to develop sustainable societies in the 21st century, it is necessary that we will build 3R societies. Under these circumstances, we reported the status and have had discussions on programs and activities of the theme "3R business" in Germany and Japan.

Because of our position as the secretariat of the Hyogo Ecotown Promotion Conference, there have been many occasions to think about material recycling, but after hearing about the programs and activities in Germany and Prof. Gunjima's presentation today, I was able to reconfirm how diverse the 3R business is with its branches to repair and reduction. We have been involved in exchanges with Guangdong, China since last year, but we would like to expand these undertakings to all points of the globe to promote the 3R business activities discussed today.

I would like to salute today's speakers for their wonderful presentations. And, I would like to express my appreciation to the staffs who made this possible.

I hope that, through further cooperation between Japan and Germany, we can further promote each other's activities and expand those benefits to other parts of the planet. With that, I would like to conclude. Thank you for your attention.