

Closing Remark

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Distinguished Participants, Colleagues, friends, Ladies and Gentlemen,
Assalamu'alaikum wr.wb.

I am very delighted to be here with you for this closing session. We have been here to get together for about 2,5 days, and some of you have even been here for 3,5 days. During these days, we have shared our best experiences and best practices; we have listened and learnt with each other; and thus have broaden our network, strengthened our partnerships and extend our brotherhood.

As you are all aware, this forum is a platform to meet people with the same interest and common objectives to arrive at sustainable development goal. Many of us have provided a great deal of expertise and practical knowledge, and skill to enhance and accelerate actions toward sustainable green growth practices. To me, personally, this forum at least have offered the ability to refresh my limited knowledge and skills and gain an up-to-date state of the art information about green growth best practices. The more I listened, the more we learned, and the more I realized how much I need to improve my skills and knowledges on the green growth practical tools, methods, and approaches.

Dear colleagues and friends,

I hope you all agree with me that this forum has been a great deal opportunity for us to enhance our capacity and capability to contribute more toward sustainable green growth development. You all are of the green heroes since your participation and contribution to this forum is on the voluntary basis. Please keep in mind that this is merely a moral obligation. Nobody knows but God that your valuable participation would have a significant value for Human being in the near future. I pray myself that what you have been doing today would be rewarded more than double in the hereafter.

During the two and a half day discussion, it is clear from a number of cases that what we listen and learned during the Forum have led us to a number of important actions where we need to undertake common action immediately. We need to do something, and we cannot wait too long. We

need to strengthen our partnership to increase our collaboration and to increase the partnership in the long-term stability and sustainability.

I am very much confident that this forum will not be a soon-to-be-forgotten event. With more than two hundred participants, two days and a half of work, we have produced a fruitful results, and trust there will be followed actions upon your return to your work.

To that end, on behalf of the Government of Indonesia, USAID, and the ALP Secretariat, I'd like to congratulate you all for making this event a success. Also, I'd like to extend my sincere thanks and appreciation to all of the key-speakers, experts, moderators, and facilitators for their excellent job and great contribution to this event. Our thanks also go to CDKN, OECD, WB Group, UNDP, JICA, GGGI, and other various partners for their generous support to this event.

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Also, I'd like to address my gratitude to Ron Benioff and Caroline Urairta, from the LEDSGP, who have traveled in long distance for their valuable contribution, and for continuous support in this endeavor. They have made the ALP from nobody in the last two years becomes somebody now.

My next appreciation should go to ibu Handa and friends, who has successfully guided and served us during the course of this event. Also to Arian Ardi, who will be helping us to organize the side event in the next couple hours.

Last but not least, once again, congratulations to all of the booth winners, and all of the Parties who have participated in the very informative open space session. You are all deserved for credits from all of us.

Finally, allow me to thank you all for your great participation, valuable contributions, and wonderful ideas. For those of you who are gonna leave soon, have a safe and pleasant trip back home. Please extend my warmest regards to your family and friends at home.

Wishing you all every success in your bright future.

I thank you very much for your kind attention.

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