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Closing Remarks (Session 1: Eco-city)

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Ladies and gentlemen,

Firstly, I'd like to thank all the speakers for your excellent presentations. I believe your presentations today will provide support for eco-city policies.

Jean-Jacques Rousseau, one of the great French philosophers, said "Return to Nature". I think it means people can feel happiness and freedom when they live in the nature.



Creating a healthier environment where people can live a happier life is important. In this context, building eco-cities is very important. That is why our effort to build eco-cities for sustainable development should continue.

I think today's presentations showed us the three ultimate goals of building eco-city. First is to produce energy from eco-friendly renewable sources. Second is to make economic aspect of a city compatible with its ecological aspect. Last is to pursue both economic growth and people's well-being.

Through eco-city building, I hope we can "return to nature" from this industrialized and urbanized world.

Thank you very much!