Honorable ministers, vice-ministers,
Ladies and Gentlemen!

Now, I could feel that this three-day long forum is finally coming to an end.

This forum has been full of discussions on how we can better support young children especially under-privileged children for their learning and development.

In the policy-case presentations and break-out sessions, we have been engaged in discussions on how to secure ECCE budget, how to increase accessibilities, and how to re-conceptualize school readiness for children's transition and adjustment to primary school education.

Although each country is different in terms of its social and economic development status; I could realize that we have the same policy vision that ECCE should promote children’s as well as nation's sustainable development for well-being and happiness.

For us all to reach for our valuable vision, there are at least two goals we need to achieve through this forum.
First, each country has to have the opportunity to reflect upon what kind of early childhood policy we need for creative and future-oriented early education and care. I hope that this forum was the very opportunity to take step to realize true policy outcomes for young children's happiness and for nation's future development in the long run.

Second, we have to continue our policy dialogue to implement various ideas and strategies that we have discussed in the forum. In this regards, I would like to suggest that we could set up a mechanism such as ECCE Policy Network in Asia-Pacific region to continue our information exchange and communication to facilitate implementation and monitoring of individual countries' ECCE policy.

When I first met you, I was very glad to make new acquaintanceship. And now, it's time to say farewell to you. Once again, I would like to extend my sincere appreciation to all of you for coming all the way here to Korea. I wish to see you again in the near future. I hope you enjoyed your stay in Seoul, and you have a safe trip back home.

Thank you.