



CLOSING REMARKS

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Ladies and Gentlemen:

We have come to the end of the 7th Annual Conference after two and a half days of open, candid and extensive discussions on a variety of issues facing our competition communities today.

It seems to me that the conference has been highly successful in providing participants with ample opportunity to present their own views and experiences and share those of others.

In closing this conference, let me, first of all, express my sincere appreciation to all of you here for your active participation in the discussions.

My special thanks must go to our colleagues from the Canadian Competition Bureau, the USDOJ and the USFTC, who worked so hard, acting as a virtual secretariat, helping the JFTC to prepare and organize this conference.

I am also deeply grateful to the English-Japanese interpreters, who have done an excellent job.

During the last few days the Japanese audience at this conference has observed earnest and heated discussions on competition laws and policies among participants from all over the world. I am confident such an opportunity will, in turn, lead to further enhancement of their understanding of and support for Japanese competition law and policy.

This conference has been held in Kyoto, an ancient capital of Japan. I would like to thank Kyoto Prefecture, Kyoto City and the Kyoto Chamber of Commerce and Industry for their strong and generous support for this conference.

Though the conference has come to an end, our challenges of enhancing cooperation and promoting convergence of competition law and policy around the world are far from over. Rather, with the increasing globalization of our economies, more issues need to be addressed. I can assure you that the Japan Fair Trade Commission will continue to strongly support and actively participate in the work of the ICN. I would like to ask you to join me in pursuing and developing open and competitive market economy.

In concluding, I would like to extend my best wishes to all of you as you return home, and I look forward to seeing you again at the 8th ICN Annual Conference to be held in Zurich next year.

Thank you very much, and sayonara.