

Closing Address

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Distinguished guests and participants, Ladies and gentlemen.

At the closing of the memorial 20th anniversary of the 1999 Tsukuba Asian Seminar on Agricultural Education, I would like to express my sincere appreciation to all of the delegates, participants and staffs who have devoted their time and efforts to the seminar.

We all agree that “Application of global and regional information for the innovation of agricultural and environmental education in Asian-Pacific countries” is certainly a very important issue for the sustainable development of the region.

However, from the country reports and discussion, it became very clear that the strategies to approach the issues are very different among countries or even among region within a country.

In order to solve the problems in each region, sharing of the knowledge and experience, recognizing the similarities and differences of each other, is a key for sustainable development of the region.

In this respect, we are hoping to maintain a close contact with everyone in this room to share the knowledge and experiences of each country. The application of a global and regional information system is certainly a very powerful tool in discussing the problems. Distance is not an issue any more.

The proceeding of the seminar will be published and distributed to the participants. I hope that the information contained in the proceedings will be useful for the implementation of programs in the respective countries.

Thank you very much again for your contribution to the seminar.

Last but not least, I wish you all a safe trip back to your country.
Thank you very much.

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