

## Closing

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Thank you to all participants for your enthusiastic discussion. Two years after the introduction of the concept of GIES it is already possible to have extensive discussions on the topic, and international and social recognition of the concept has improved. There are national innovation ecosystems with input and output. Expanded to the global arena, there is still a lot of work to be done. It must be spread to all the countries on the globe, including African and Latin American nations. Diversity is the most important aspect of an ecosystem, and the discussions of this meeting have indeed been diverse. This was part of the intent of the organizers. Another key topic was the competition and symbiosis of ecosystems, and the fact that the ecosystem itself is going through evolution.

I would like to invite Mr. Shizuo Hoshiba, Executive Research Fellow, Economic and Social Research Institute (ESRI), Cabinet Office, Government of Japan to read the statement of the International Organizing Committee.

[Reading of the statement of the Global Innovation Ecosystem 2008 by the GIES 2008 International Organizing Committee]

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My thanks to all involved for their participation and efforts in organizing this successful forum. The meeting is now closed.