



Closing Remarks

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Thank you very much for participating in this workshop, today. Thank you very much for coming and spending your precious time and energy in this workshop. Also I would like to thank all of our staff for working very hard for this program.

In these months, I have been somewhat depressed with the events in international society after September 11th, with the views conveyed by international media, with the policies of the Bush administration, and with the very narrow-minded policies or lack of policies of our government. I feel, however, encouraged by our discussion today. Now I can believe that I am not alone in thinking about history in this crazy world. We can think together, and go on making a effort to understand our society, our history, and the history of the world, across national borders, across regional differences, and across discriminative discrepancies.

Yesterday, all the speakers and discussants kindly agreed to come here again in March 2003. Also, to prepare for publication of our joint works both in English and Japanese. As an organizer, I will try hard to carry out these plans. So, please come back to this workshop in Meiji Gakuin University in March, next year. Lastly, thank you all, again.