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Ladies and gentlemen, listening to your silence, you share my view that this speech was both a very instructive and a very moving one. You allowed us to understand your country better, and you did that not only with your brain, which I know is quite good, but with your heart. This is a great perspective, so thank you very much. One should never emphasise enough the greatness and specificity of Korean identity and culture, which is the only way it has survived with these three giants around. There is also the wisdom which goes along with it and which you showed so well at the very end of your remarks. That is that we should allow time for things to happen in the best possible way.

I want to thank you very much. Time is so limited that it would be unreasonable to launch a discussion now. Frankly speaking, what you said was so well said that any kind of restrictive discussion would spoil the grace of what you have done. Therefore, I just suggest now that we applied you again and thank you very much.