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### **Closing Ceremony**

[Closing Remarks] Jeong-bok Yoo, Minister, MOSPA

Dear Colleagues, Friends, Distinguished guests, who have stayed with us until the last,

I would like to express my deepest respect and heartfelt gratitude for the passion and interest you have shown, during the 'Global e-Government Forum 2013'.

For the past two days, we have shared our own experiences and ideas under the theme of "Smart Government, Smart Society: Openness, Sharing, Communication, and Collaboration"

With this alone, I firmly believe, the two-day event was a great success.

The unprecedented pace of paradigm shift towards "Smart Society" today, is bringing about widespread changes.

This huge wind of changes is blowing through every sectors, including politics, economy, society, culture, and even individual lifestyle.

In tune with these changes, governments must innovate in itself.

And the key instrument and enabler for the innovation, is none other than e-Government.

As we have witnessed in many good practices from the respective countries, e-Government, has transformed governments more transparent, and democratic. And it provides more convenient services for the people.

However, we cannot stop here.

To achieve government innovation and social development, that will in turn, lead towards better world, and better lives, we need to continue to ponder and research on the future direction of e-Government.

To this end, we need further cooperation and communication.

From now on, we need to tear down the walls between the nations, open and share each others' experiences to the world, in the spirit of communication and collaboration, and this will lay the foundation for the progress of mankind.

I was very grateful, to have a series of talks with honorable ministers in person, the ones who are leading the e-Government development and the ones, who have shown their passion and leadership in this field.

I was also deeply touched to hear our "one voice", which was echoed in future cooperation to come with each other, in sharing our knowledge and experiences.

In turning its 2nd year, I hope the "Global e-Government Forum" has laid the foundation for inter-governmental joint efforts to further strengthen e-Government at the global level, therefore becoming a corner-stone for international cooperation network.

Now, it is time to conclude the 2nd Global e-Government Forum.

I will keep the good memories and friendship that I have shared with you during the "Global e-Government Forum 2013" for a long time to come.

And I hope to see you again in Astana, Kazakhstan next year, with a continued friendship.

Once again, I would like to extend my warmest gratitude to all of you for your valuable time and efforts in attending the Forum.

Lastly, my special thanks goes to UNDESA, UNPOG, and NIA for their excellent co-organization of the Forum.

I wish you all the best and nothing but a success in your future endeavors.

Thank you!