

## **CLOSING REMARKS**

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Delegates from Countries, Ladies and Gentlemen: I want to express my gratitude for your participation at this conference. I have learned a lot and feel we all have benefited from this experience.

The workshop was organised to discuss issues and initiatives arising in the preparation of the Bangkok Air Quality Management Project, issues we felt were arising in a number of cities and countries in the region, and to see if there was interest in a regional initiative to address these issues related to clean air. It is clear from the lively discussion that there is an interest – and more than that a need for international agencies to better coordinate their efforts.

The reports from the breakout sessions have given us a clear indication of the activities needed:

### **SHORT TERM and SPECIFIC TOPICS**

1. Regional Information Network
2. Focused Workshops
3. Topics:
  - Emission standards
  - I/M programs
  - Education of vehicle owners
  - Fuel standards (unleaded, diesel initially)
  - Transboundary pollution (O<sub>3</sub>, SPM, CHG)
4. Raising public awareness, mobilising of civil society and NGO

**BUT**, while the focus of many of the presentations has been on transport issues, and technology, we were reminded that **we cannot forget non technology and longer term issues.**

1. Promotion of NMT
2. Control of transport demand and promotion of sustainable transport
3. Developing long term visions and dealing with urban sprawl

As you know we have over 20 projects with air quality components in the region and I want to assure you all of the World Bank's continued commitment for assisting you in dealing with the issue of air quality improvements. Specifically, we look forward to our work on Motorcycle Upgrade and air quality management for Bangkok.

Once again, my congratulations to BMA for organizing this event, for delegates to take time out from their busy schedules and for their active participation, international agencies for coming together to work towards a common goal.