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Closing

>> HOULIN ZHAO: I am very excited today. Good evening, colleagues, friends. Also, we have some very distinguished visitors joining us, so that we have minister here. Thank you. Also, we should also have Minister for AI from UAU here. I don't know if he is here or not. He is not here. Yeah, maybe, you know, our meeting was somehow a little bit delayed.

Dear colleagues, I am very pleased to come back to the podium, but with very special rules to close this AI for Good Summit this year.

It's exciting to see a movement take root. What we created one year ago here together is now becoming a global movement, the AI for Good movement. And it is unstoppable. You heard our female astronauts today talk about our planet as our home. Over the last three days, you have shown that AI can help us protect our home and improve the lives of all those who live in it. Because of the Sustainable Development Goals provide us with a diverse set of challenges, we needed to mobilize a diverse set of expertise, and here lies the strength of our movement.

We are all here in it today together, and every government, every company, every academical institution, every civil society organization, every one of us should consider how AI will affect our future. When we started our discussions three years ago, our objective was to connect AI innovators with public and privacy sector decision-makers, so that they can take promising strategies forward. I am pleased to tell you that this Summit has built support for more than 30 projects.

That is the statistic I got one hour earlier. I don't know if we had some more added the last hour. And there were also ideas for several meta-projects. What these projects have in common is data. Without good data, we cannot have good AI. ITU aims to be a valuable partner to all ICT innovators.

Now, let me express my gratitude to our partners of this event, the XPRIZE Foundation and ACM, as well as all our 32 partners from UN agencies. I had a wonderful conversation with them yesterday at lunchtime. I was very encouraged by very good teamwork and very strong support from each of them to have our collective work with our industries, with academia, with our civil society organizations.

I would also like to thank our sponsors, ACM, The Kay Family Foundation, the kingdom of Saudi Arabia, the PWC, as well as EY, the Zero Abuse Project, and the Sage Foundation. My special thanks to the committees that organized the Summit, to all speakers and moderators, to the more than 800 participants from more than 60 countries to this event. And to the ITU staff engaged with the event. Let's give them a big round of applause.

(Applause)

Thank you very much. This is the end of our Summit. But it is the beginning of our new cooperation. Working together, I am confident that we can play to our unique strengths and develop AI capabilities to support inclusive social and economic development in all regions of the world. At all regions. I think that we still have challenges. For example,

from Africa regions, we don't have many participants. We do have a few. And also I see Excellency Minister who came to visit us and joined this closing event to show that Africa is also interested in AI development. And I promoted this Summit at Africa Summit last week, but unfortunately, it is a little bit late for those Africa experts to find a way to join us this week. So we have to do more. We have to work much harder to try to reach out to those regions where we have less participants. But less participants does not mean that they don't have the work. And if you visit the Africa continent, you will find plenty of activities inspired by AI. Run by our young generation of engineers and experts there. So that we have to try to work more and to reach to those areas we have still poor participation at this Summit.

Have a safe journey home. I hope each of you will return home full of new ideas, new projects, and renewed sense of purpose and possibilities. I think that the Summit we will have reports and further information published on our website, and I hope you will have a chance, have a time to access to those websites to get updated information from us, and of course, we also encourage those email groups we established through these three days to be actively cooperated and communicated with each other so that we will benefit from your active contributions from now on, and we look forward to good cooperations with all of you.

So ladies and gentlemen, let me just once more, again, express my sincere thanks to all of you for your active

contributions, and to our team who supported this event and to

our sponsors, and wish you a very nice evening. And I don't

know whether you will join those who like to go to the

restaurant to enjoy the pizza or the others, but anyhow, enjoy

the wonderful evening today. Thank you very much.

   (Applause)

  Now the problem is nobody wants to leave the room. They

still want to have panel. So it's great. It's great. Thank

you very much. And see you next time.

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