

VOTE OF THANKS

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It is really an honour for me to address the concluding session. I am proud to say that the Malaysian delegation has learned a lot from the papers read and presentations made in this three-day event. It is my belief that capacity-building is not a static effort, but an ongoing one, which has no end. Therefore, capacity-building not only needs to be initiated but also needs to be sustainable in all fields of economy and society. We have a lot in common and share concerns on several issues and challenges now facing the world; however, we must struggle for the awareness of capacity-building, which should start right from the beginning i.e. elementary schools, secondary schools, and so on.

We Malaysians are quite happy to learn that there are a lot of expertise and skill in Pakistan, which are of common interest to Malaysia, particularly those in the fields of biotechnology, metro-sciences, ICTs, engineering, health, renewable-energy technologies and agriculture. We are quite prepared to extend our cooperation and would like to see more efforts, made for exchange of scientists and students. In fact, we are also offering some scholarships and fellowships

for post-doctoral studies and perhaps there can be a follow-up with the Ministry of Science, Technology and Environment, Malaysia, in the coming days.

Lastly, I would like to thank COMSATS and the Government of Pakistan for making our participation and stay in this country a memorable, knowledgeable and exciting experience, altogether.

Thank you.