As we come to a close today, I would like to reiterate what our Director, Sheldon Shaeffer, said in his closing statement. The media plays a key role in influencing government policies and shaping public opinion. As you go back to your countries, I hope you will be able to put the things you learned here to use. Your work can provide a catalyst for enlightened public discourse on key issues and challenges in education that would hopefully pave the way for reforms towards the realization of Education for All.

In closing, I would like to thank UNESCO Hanoi, in particular Nguyen Thi Thanh Ngan, Thu Ha and most especially Eisuke Tajima for making this workshop possible.

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Lastly, my appreciation to all of you for your active participation during this workshop. It is a great pleasure to interact with journalists like you. Your questions were very thought-provoking. I have attended many trainings but this one has had one of the liveliest discussions, thanks to all your questions.

We at UNESCO would be happy to assist you in anyway as you write education stories. I hope this is the beginning of a closer working relationship with all of you. Safe travels to all of you as you return back to your country!