

**Closing Remarks by Fumio Kishida,
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Honorable delegates and other participants in the eighth FNCA ministerial meeting, I thank you for attending this meeting.

Today's ministerial meeting featured good discussions in each session and produced the first ever FNCA joint communiqué on peaceful use of nuclear energy for sustainable development. I believe this meeting was very successful.

As the chair of this meeting, I would like to thank you for your efforts and cooperation.

We would like to sort out problems regarding peaceful use of nuclear energy, as listed at today's FNCA ministerial meeting, and to take them up at a study panel meeting next year on how best to promote cooperation between FNCA countries.

Through our cooperation, we should try to make FNCA activities fruitful and contribute to promotion of peaceful use of nuclear energy and social and economic development in the Asian region.

I would like to wish you good health and prosperity before ending my closing speech. I am looking forward to seeing you again in the Philippines. I thank you.