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Distinguished Guests,
Ladies and Gentlemen,
Boys and Girls
Good afternoon.

The theme for this year's Solar Innovations is Eco-Future. This highlights the important link between ecology and the future of our planet. We all have a stake in this future, and so should do things to sustain the balance and not ruin it. Success of basic steps like Reduce, Reuse and Recycle depends entirely on people's attitudes, and whether we do what we say is important. So it is very encouraging to see more and more Singaporeans getting actively involved in saving our environment.

2 Even so, we must press on with efforts to further raise the awareness and practice of environment protection.

3 The Solar Innovations series is one way to do so. Participants in this competition confront global environmental problems and propose original and creative solutions to them. This process of putting their minds to real challenges will help nurture a positive and practical approach toward tackling environmental issues in our own society.

4 Earthlink NTU tells me that this year's SPH Foundation Solar Innovations is even more successful than last year's, in terms of number of participants and their enthusiasm. I congratulate all participants, especially those who have made it to this final day of the competition. Well done.

5 I hope that your zest can spur others to also take interest in, and do their part for a clearer, greener and more environmentally-friendly Singapore.

Thank you.