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Let's move on to the closing remarks. Professor Tatsuya Sato, professor of psychology of Ritsumeikan University is going to give you the closing remarks.

Tatsuya Sato

Thank you very much. I am Sato. Thank you very much for joining us. This is going to be the last closing remarks. From early in the morning we have gone through 8-hour session. Thank you very much for having joined with us. My thanks go to the overseas participants. Probably you are very much appreciative that we are very workaholic including the overseas lecturers also. We are very much privileged that we were able to have today's symposium.

Co-sponsoring organizations and co-organizers, together with them we are very much grateful that we were able to have this symposium. I am not in the position of giving the summation of the points of the discussion. The questions or the challenges, what is going to be the future of the audio video recording. Recording is encoding but what about the decoding side? One thing I came to realize is the importance of the decoding side. That's something we need to further develop on the decoding side. In Japan, this only applies to the use of the lay judge cases. Also, mention was made that this is not going to give a very good dream if it is only applicable to those cases. The freshman asked very good questions. Suppose she is 20 years ago and if she becomes a lay judge, 20 years later, if there was the false charge on the suspect she was attending, probably for the future this is not going

to be the end of the discussion once it is introduced. Encoding and decoding issues have to be also continued to be discussed, and also investigative culture which is supporting those procedures. Still we have 23 days very lengthy detention. That has to be also reviewed.

I don't know whether it is communicated to the overseas participants. At one time I said 23 days detention time. Is that 23 hours? That's still long some overseas participants said. Is it legal, 23 days? Is the Japanese legal system legal? I was very much surprised to be asked with that kind of question. That's something we need to dwell upon. Just system, is it just or not? That's related to Japanese scandal. Japanese justice system and judicial system has to be also reviewed in collaboration with the overseas cases.

Personally, I was led into this field of forensic psychology when in 1994 over 10 years ago when I was employed by Fukushima University and Professor Hamada was the frontrunner already during that time. He was almost a mentor for me. I am very happy that now 20 years later, I was able to organize such a high quality symposium with a great panel. But of course there is a long journey ahead of us.

I hope that I will be able to further our studies and practice together with all of you who are here. Ritsumeikan University is going to open a new campus in Osaka. Professor Inaba in the area of social policies is going to teach students in Osaka campus next year. In Osaka next year Pan-Pacific Law and Psychology meeting I hope is going to be held. Law and psychology is indeed a transdisciplinary area and besides boundary it's not inter but almost a fusion of the two fields, law and psychology and fusion of knowledge and experiences of experts from different countries is going to take place in Osaka. In that meeting in Osaka I sincerely hope that I'll be

able to see all of you on the location where fusion of law and psychology and fusion of different countries experience is going to take place.

We had a long meeting today. A former professor of Tokyo University and Professor Ibusuki who now teaches at another university, Seijo University, has planned this symposium. I am deeply indebted to Professor Ibusuki for his expertise and network for putting together such a wonderful panel. Each speaker has been so good at time management. Because of their cooperation, I have been able to adjourn this meeting on the right time. I would like to thank all of you very much for your very kind cooperation.

This concludes the whole symposium for today. In Japanese, we say *hiraku* which actually means open, not close when we say the meeting is closed or adjourned. I hope that in closing or in opening we hope we'll be able to open this field and experience and learning sharing toward the future. I once again would like to thank all of you, especially to speakers from abroad. We will begin reception at 6:30. All of you are kindly requested to go to the top floor of this building for reception that is going to start from 6:30. For simultaneous interpretation receivers, please be sure to return them at the exit. Thank you.

