

**Closing Remarks  
by  
Dr. Sumate Yamnoon  
UMAP Chairperson  
at the 2<sup>nd</sup> UMAP Board Meeting 2020  
on Tuesday 24 November 2020 at 09.00 hours  
via VDO Conference (WebEx)**

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Dr. Etsuko Yaguchi, Secretary General of UMAP IS and President of Toyo University,

Professor Shingo Ashizawa  
Deputy Secretary General, UMAP International Secretariat,

Distinguished Board Members,

It is my great pleasure to share and learn from the fruitful discussions with all of you. Today is my last day of my tenure before passing on to the Philippines. I really appreciate all the efforts, support and commitments provided throughout my time. I consider it as my great and precious experience. There is a lot to do to keep UMAP thriving and to nurture and strengthen our students to be ready for whatever the future urges us to do so. I also wish UMAP's family rooted the caring DNA to be the new cultural practices. Don't let social distancing to exploit the best part of human nature. I also think this could be another aspect we should ponder, using our cross-cultural knowledge and skills to their max for us to mobilize with safety yet strong human-to-human relationships that respond well with the unknown.

On behalf of the UMAP Chair, I would like to convey my highest appreciation to Japanese Government for hosting UMAP International Secretariat for the second time and express my profound gratitude to Toyo University and their staff for their hard work and constant effort in operating UMAP International Secretariat over the past five years.

Please allow me once again to express my sincere thanks to all of you for coming and for contributing to the discussions.

Finally, Thailand recommends UMAP as an effective platform to promote quality of the mobility across the region. I believe that all member territories value the participation in the UMAP community and benefit from doing so in quality mobility. I am certain that higher education has to continue its international cooperation—both face-to-face and virtually—with more focus internally and intra-region while retaining our already strong relationships with other regions around the world.

I would like to close my remarks and officially announce the end of the 2<sup>nd</sup> UMAP Board Meeting 2020, wishing the future prosperity of all the participating countries and territories as well as the sustainable development of UMAP.

Thank you.

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