

## Closing Remarks

1. Good evening, everyone. We have come to the end of a long and exciting day.
2. We have had 6 sessions of insights into global trends, regional developments, and discussion of at least 5 Southeast Asian countries. We hope we have provided you with thoughtful analysis of the current situation in the region as well as an outlook for 2018.
3. To recap, we have addressed the following questions today:
  - a. What are the implications for Southeast Asia in light of changing US-China relations?
  - b. What are the major global economic trends and how will they impact the region?
  - c. Is ISIS gaining a foothold in Southeast Asia after Marawi?
  - d. What can we expect from the upcoming elections in Malaysia and Indonesia?
  - e. How well have the governments of Myanmar, Thailand and the Philippines dealt with their domestic security and political challenges, and what are their prospects for 2018?
4. With the guidance of our expert panellists, we have pondered these questions today, and no doubt will continue to do so over the coming months. On our part, ISEAS will continue the discussion through our many conferences, seminars and publications. Do join in the discussion by signing up to our mailing list.

5. For us, ROF2018 is also special as ISEAS turns 50 this year. We are gratified by the overwhelming support for our forum this year, a fitting start to celebrating our golden jubilee milestone.
6. I would like to thank the ISEAS staff who worked tirelessly behind the scenes to make today a success. And of course, last but not least, you the audience for being here today.
7. Finally, a gentle reminder to keep 9 January 2019 free so that you can attend our next Regional Outlook Forum here at the Shangri-La Hotel.
8. Thank you and have a safe journey home.