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MEMORANDUM
~Session of Ecology~

Hello, everyone. I am Takuya Watanabe and representing session of ecology.

It is a great honor to be standing here on behalf of delegates of Japan. It was a golden opportunity for us to discuss with Russian students as well as professors. We were so impressed by the passion for their research on environmental problems and technology. For two hours, we discussed on garbage, radioactive waste and environmental education.

First, we discussed on garbage. In Russia, they do not separate garbage at home like in Japan, but there are some factories for recycling garbage in Russia too these days. We noticed that the Belgorod State Technological University named after V.G. Shoukhov is making an effort to make use of the technology.

Next, we talked about radioactive waste. First, we introduced Japanese way to dispose it. Japanese are thinking of covering radioactive waste with a special substance, and bury them deeply underground. Whereas, Russian wondered that radioactive waste might pollute the water underground. Moreover, Russian professor from this university introduced us their research on purifying water from radiation. Then, we understood that we could cooperate together on the area.

At last, we discussed education of environmental issues. Basically, we understood both countries are trying to tell the students how important these issues are. For example, both of us have a special subject of environmental issues. In addition, we, Japanese were just surprised to know that Russia has an Olympic for environmental problems.

To sum up, when we discussed these problems, we realized not only how important and serious problems are, but also how difficult for us to find a solution. However, we could understand the ecology is deeply connected with technology. So, the research done by this university will contribute in many ways. I am confident that we can make a change by cooperating with each other. Thank you very much for listening.