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Good afternoon, ladies and gentlemen,
My name is Mayumi Saito, and I'm a high school student.
I had the honor of doing an MC at the last "Junior Eco-Club Asia-Pacific Conference" which all of you saw it on a video right now.
Eco-Club members from 10 countries discussed about SEA. At this conclusion of the conference, we submitted a slogan "Let's Preserve Our Ocean for the Future! Ocean Mother Natures the Earth", and proposed action plans to help preserve this beautiful sea to the next generation.

I am from Hiroshima where nature is preserved relatively well. Mountains, 6 small rivers and Inland-Sea surround Hiroshima. Further more we can see Miyajima, one of UNESCO World Heritage sites, across the sea from my city.
I have been activity participating in a club named "Earth Watching Club in Hiroshima", in which we try to call out to people to feel the nature and to study living creature. So far I've been enjoying various kinds of activities very much. One of the activities I like most is recycle-handcraft.
For example, we made a unique charm from shells, and card cases or eye-glass stands from a milk carton pack. It does not exactly feel like "recycling", but rather like regular handcrafts. However, it is a lot of fun to make.
Not only the fun I get through these avidities, but also meeting various new people have enhanced my interest towards environment and to protect the nature. Although my activities are trivial, because I enjoy it very much, I can continue. I feel strongly about preserving nature.

Sometimes I go out for field works. We research river creature, ride in a canoe to collect garbage from a river, and analyze the quality of water. We also plant trees in the mountain in order to protect the riverhead. We plant trees in order to protect the mountains, which is the source for our water, which then will protect our rivers and sea. Sometimes we need to take out the root from the dirt and can be very tough. Through these activities we found that the bottom of the sea was very dirty with many sludge even it looks beautiful in the sea.
According to some statistics creatures living in the sea has decreased to 1 fifth to 1 tenth as compared with 20 years ago. Through further research I found out about the animals facing extinction. There are about 100 endangered species only in Japan.

We should act for the rebirth of the earth by ourselves. I believe that it is very important for all of us to do something for the environment, even though it may be a very small action. No matter how small each acts are, it will eventually make a difference to the. We cannot expect to solve this problem overnight, but it is very important to continue.

Thank you very much.