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Welcome to this year's London International Youth Science Forum.

Never has there been a greater set of challenges faced by the world: from climate change to global poverty; from national security to economic security.

And I believe passionately in the power of science and innovation to help us overcome each of them.

The theme of this year's Forum – 'Energy: The Global Challenge' – is a great example.

It will be the discoveries made by scientists – perhaps even some of you here – that will help to reduce our carbon emissions and reliance on fossil fuels.

So I hope that the Forum fires your imaginations.

Now in its 51st year, it is a unique opportunity for you to question experts, share your vision and ideas, and gain a better understanding of how science can benefit us all.

It is also a wonderful chance to challenge yourself.

With more than 300 participants from nearly 60 nations and a great range of social activities, you'll be able to learn huge amounts about other countries and cultures.

I hope you make new friends and leave with a determination to make a difference.

Best wishes