- Amsterdam does NOT want to be a smart city with only the latest technology. Amsterdam wants to have the best health care facilities, clean air, low energy bills, smooth traffic and open flow of information between the government, companies and citizens.

- From technology companies like Huawei we expect a contribution to these goals.

- From the presentation this morning, it is clear that Huawei has something to offer.

- Especially the fact that Huawei has been working closely with the Amsterdam Arena and the City of Amsterdam fits our vision of Amsterdam as a platform for innovation.

- Telecommunication firms like KPN and energy companies invest a lot in expanding and transforming their networks. But this infrastructure can be used for numerous applications that benefit citizens and businesses in the city.

- That is why we develop the infrastructure closely with these companies. And we create a platform to ensure the development of the infrastructure fits applications that benefit companies, but also hospitals, energy suppliers and schools.

- Over the past years Amsterdam has facilitated seventy-four different projects in which ICT technology is used to increase energy efficiency, solve parking problems, expand access to health services and improve public security.

- In all these projects we bring the needs of end users together with the service suppliers and the builders of the infrastructure.

- The projects are experimental. They can be implemented quickly, the financial risks are limited and the market can ultimately decide which solutions will be used on a larger scale.

- So I support the conclusion of Mayor Van der Laan that Amsterdam can be a show case city for Huawei. Solutions that you develop together with the city and other partners can be carried out in other cities around the world.

- I believe that if Huawei continues to work closely with its clients there will be many opportunities. For the people in the City of Amsterdam this will mean, better health care, safer streets, lower energy bills and more fun during concerts and football matches.