

UNAFEI
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Closing Ceremony
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Farewell Speech by Mr. Jose Alexandre PINTO NUNES
From Brazil

Honorable Members of the Diplomatic Corps;
Mr. Tatsuya SAKUMA, Director of UNAFEI;
Mr. Hisanao NODA, Deputy Director General, TIC, JICA;
Faculty and Staff Members of UNAFEI;
JICA Staff Members;
Distinguished Guests;
Fellow Participants;
Ladies and Gentlemen

I am here feeling honored to speak in my name and on behalf of my colleagues to thank all the actors that joined efforts to promote this 15th UNAFEI UNCAC Training Programme.

We know that a programme like this, involving participants from 21 countries including Japan, demands an enormous effort in planning, and more than this, in its execution. After these approximately forty days, what we could see is that everything was done with supreme organization as a result of the hard work and dedication of many people. Thus, many thanks are necessary.

First, we thank the Government of Japan, which because of its concern about corruption in the world has allowed us to be here at this moment celebrating the end of this training programme.

We want to thank JICA for all the attention dedicated to us since before our departures from our countries, providing us with all the means and information necessary for life in Japan. Upon our arrival in Japan, we were well received by its staff, as well as throughout our first days, days in which we began our adaptation to living in a different country. All the attention dedicated by JICA during this period and also during the training, and while accompanying us, was important to make us feel comfortable. At this point I want to extend a special thank you to Ms. Hisa, who was always available to handle our requests and to solve problems that eventually occur.

In the same way, we thank UNAFEI for promoting the training programme and receiving us here with in a loving way. This is the only expression that can define our arrival at this facility when all the staff were there in the front entrance waiting for us, and welcomed us as brothers and sisters. And this good reception was repeated every time that we were out on visits or study trips. During this period, UNAFEI's staff, whose components I would like to nominate one by one, always sought to answer our questions, attend to our requests, and help us with our needs. It showed that UNAFEI was not focused only on the training, but more than this, was concerned about our welfare.

At the same time, UNAFEI sought to integrate the participants. We had a wonderful welcome party and many fun times, such as the table tennis tournament and the parties at lounge B, with karaoke, which allowed to form friendships.

We thank also the Rotary Club of Tokyo, Fuchu that received us at the Tokyo Horse Race Course as special guests.

Our sincere thanks also go to the ACPF, which collaborated in the promotion of this training. ACPF provided the support for many activities that we participated in that were important for the purposes of the training programme, as well as the welcome dinner and a spectacular dinner at the Meiji Kinenkan.

At the same time, we have to thank all officers and members that received us in the Tokyo Regional Taxation Bureau, the Tokyo District Court, the Supreme Court, Yokohama Customs, the Haneda Airport District Immigration Office, Fuchu Prison, the Hiroshima High Public Prosecutor's Office and Hiroshima District Public Prosecutor's Office, the Harima Rehabilitation Program Center and the Kyoto Prefecture Police Headquarters. They kindly devoted their time to show us their offices, employing all efforts to help us know and understand their work.

Mr. Tatsuya Sakuma, your work as the Director of UNAFEI provided the success of this training. We saw your spirit of leadership, coordinating the work of all the staff — so peacefully and serenely. You were always present with us, not only during the course work, but sometimes during our parties at lounge B. At the same time we thank you for sharing with us during your lecture your experiences in the fight against corruption. In the same way, we thank the Deputy Director, Mr. Kenichi Kiyono, who also dedicated himself to the programme, and joined us in the conference hall, enriching the sessions many times with questions or explanations for us.

To Professor Tada, Assistant Programming Officer, and Professors Yanaka, Izumi, Tsunoda, Yoshimura, Tashiro and Yoshida, we also say thank you for your devotion to the work that was developed here — devotion that allowed us to achieve the goals of this training programme. Your supervision and counseling in our individual work and in the group work were fundamental to it. Likewise, you have been present in our lives here, always with the goal of making us comfortable.

We offer our special thanks to Professor Iwashita, our Programming Officer. We are the first group that you have coordinated, and we can say that you did it very well. We cannot forget that beyond the work developed in the coordination, you also shared your personal

time with us in Lounge B, providing moments of joy, singing and playing for us. Your way of working and interacting with us, and also your happiness, will not be forgotten.

Also deserving our thanks are the Japanese participants of this training. More than colleagues, you were brothers to us. Every day you were always by our sides, seeking to do the best you could to help us in our daily lives at UNAFEI or outside it. You always tried to make it easier for us living in Japan, not only answering our questions and explaining things about your country, habits, and language, but also when we needed to go somewhere, or to seek information about things we wanted. At the same time, you provided leisure time, as rides. You always showed concern about our welfare, which goes beyond your position as participants, and in the spirit of the Japanese people, you showed your disposition to help others.

We have to remember at this moment to mention the study trip. In it we have been, among other places, to Hiroshima and could realize *in loco* what the Japanese people experienced in the year 1945 (nineteen forty-five), all the suffering that occurred. But we could also realize the determination of the people to reconstruct the city and, most importantly, the crusade make sure that the rest of the world does not face what they experienced. We saw there an example to be followed throughout the world — seeking peace.

After participating of this programme we can say that it was successful. We are 32 participants from many countries including Japan. This group contains people from different fields, like the judiciary, prosecution services, police or components of agencies related to the combating corruption. This means that different experiences were shared and joined with one purpose: constructing a network of mutual assistance between the countries in the fight against this evil that affects them, with malicious consequences for the citizens.

During this training programme, we had individual presentations, that showed us the situation of the fight against corruption in each country, the works and measures that are adopted; based on this previous knowledge, we had the group workshop sessions, in which themes related to corruption were discussed and analysed thoroughly, with the purpose of developing good practices and methods that can enhance the fight against corruption. Likewise, we had lectures by UNAFEI professors and visitors, that helped us to know and understand the Japanese judicial system, the structure and inner workings of some governmental agencies, and learned about experiences in the fight against corruption, and at the same time the efforts against it overseas.

As a result, we can say that our knowledge has been enriched and that a network between us has been built and will stay into the future.

Our personal lives have also been enriched through contact with the Japanese people. During this period we could see, observe and learn about your culture and your way of life, which will stay forever in our minds.

We will miss these days in Japan. They will always be remembered as an excellent period of our lives, and although we were away from our families and countries, we lived in a unique family gathered of so many different people who made us feel welcomed. This is the result of your work, which makes us say again, to each of you: ARIGATO GOZAIMAS.

Thank you.

