

Farewell speech

172nd International training course

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Dear Director Seto, Deputy Director Ishihara, Professor Otani, faculty and staff of UNAFEI, JICA, ACPF, distinguished guests, my dear fellow participants.

Good evening, *kon-banwa*.

It is a great honor and a pleasure to be standing here to deliver this farewell speech on behalf of all participants of the UNAFEI 172nd International training course. These past 6 weeks have surpassed our best expectations. When I was writing this speech, my memory moved from the warm welcome party to the sparkling dinner at cruise in Yokohama Bay, the walk into Ginza, the incredible Grand Sumo Tournament, the beautiful and magnificent Kiyomizu-dera Temple and Kinkaku-ji Temple in Kyoto and touching visit to Hiroshima Peace Memorial Park.

Our entire stay in Japan hasn't been only amazing, but it also enriched us both morally and intellectually with Japanese spirit. During these past days we have developed a filial affection towards each other, as well as to UNAFEI and JICA staff.

All our professors – Otani-san, Futagoishi-san, Daniel-san, Yamamoto-san, Kitagawa-san, Furuhashi-san, Watanabe-san, Hosokawa-san, Morikawa-san;

and linguistic adviser – Mr. Thomas, chief of Secretariat Fujita-san, and of course all administrative staff especially Mariko-san, Onda-san, Hazu-san, UNAFEI librarian and cooks;

our Japanese colleagues – Manny-san, Nori-san, Hiro-san, Taka-san, Yu-san, Yasu-san and Go-san have become our second family. Day after day, from morning till night, on weekdays and weekends, on trains and buses we shared precious moments and fun as well as tough times together (that Bibiche-san is not standing with us now).

Being able to see lively discussions with lots of questions and comments from our active participants, informal discussions held almost every night at Lounge B was very nice and heartwarming.

Each of us remembers about UNAFEI style of greeting (waving hands) starting from our first arrival to UNAFEI and continuing each time upon our arrival and departures from sight visits and study trip.

Moreover, we were amazed that from Director Seto up to cooks of cafeteria, particularly Mr. Takeshi Fujita knew all of us by calling our names. So, let us take this opportunity to thank all of you for being so caring and open to us. We will remember each one of you for helping us and providing us with the necessary support we needed it the most.

We would like to thank UNAFEI and JICA for granting us the opportunity to motivate our interest and increase our knowledge by arranging lectures of Japanese and foreign experts. We are thankful for the organized visits and study trip to places where we were able to observe best practices of Japan in tackling human trafficking and smuggling of migrants.

Our sincere gratitude also goes to Yokohama district court, Ministry of Justice, Hiroshima coast guard, Kyoto prison and Kyoto Public Prosecutor's office for their kind welcomes and patient explanations about their daily work. We deeply appreciate the esteem shown by the Ministry of Justice and Vice-minister, who despite their busy agendas spent a moment to receive us and gave us wise advice.

We also greatly benefited from the group work assignment. Apart from the knowledge we gained in drafting the paper according to the assigned subject, we got the chance to examine specific measures, share experience and discuss the best practices we could bring back to our respective countries to combat TiP more efficiently. Now that we are leaving, we want you to remember only the good times we have had together and to forgive us for any lack of courtesy we might have shown.

We send our best wishes to UNAFEI, JICA and the ACPF. We sincerely hope that your organizations will continue developing interesting and exciting training programs that would benefit other participants from all over the world and for many more years to come. Tomorrow, we are leaving with a wealth of knowledge and unforgettable memories. Yes, we did all together. And, yes, all these memories are unforgettable.

Now, allow me to speak on my behalf. I wish everyone here to be always healthy, successful and happy. Thank you for all your support and friendship. Moments spent with all of you will always hold a special place in my heart. Now we are part of a big family and strong network of contacts comprising from about 20 countries.

United we stand, divided we fall. Please always keep in touch!

Domo arigato gozaimasu.