

Farewell Speech

26TH UNAFEI UNCAC TRAINING PROGRAMME

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“STRENGTHENING PREVENTION, DETECTION AND PROSECUTION OF CORRUPTION, AND PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP”

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Dear fellow participants of 26TH UNAFEI UNCAC TRAINING PROGRAMME,

Members of ACPF,

Distinguished Ambassadors from various countries,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Good evening and Konbanwa.

It is with great honor that I stand before you today, entrusted to deliver this farewell speech on behalf of my fellow participants. Although Mr. YAMAUCHI Yoshimitsu, Director of UNAFEI, cannot be with us this evening due to his business commitments, we deeply appreciate his leadership and vision that have guided the success of this program.

On behalf of all participants, I extend our heartfelt gratitude to the Government of Japan, UNAFEI, ACPF, and JICA for hosting this transformative training program. The past month has been a remarkable journey, equipping us with invaluable tools and insights to combat corruption and foster public-private partnerships in our respective nations.

The sessions we attended were not just informative but inspiring indeed, providing us with a renewed sense of purpose. The distinguished professors and lecturers, along with the international experts, shared their expertise with unwavering patience and dedication. From addressing our non-ending questions, to mentoring us on our papers and slides, to sharing their knowledge and experience, you have earned our respect and appreciation. Your contributions have enriched our perspectives and armed us with practical strategies to address the complex challenges of corruption.

Beyond the walls of the seminar rooms, we also experienced the beauty and culture of Japan. From exploring its iconic shrines and breathtaking parks to navigating its established judicial and legislative systems, to sailing through its beautiful Yokohama Ocean, we found ourselves in marvel of the kindness and discipline of the Japanese people. These moments of cultural exchange have left a lasting impression on all of us.

We are especially grateful to the staff of UNAFEI and JICA, whose tireless efforts ensured our stay was both comfortable and productive. Your guidance, support, and genuine care made this program an unforgettable experience. Whether it was coordinating logistics, taking photos, or simply sharing a Ping-Pong tournament with us, your presence was invaluable.

To my Dear Japanese participants, it was a great honor knowing you, working with you, and learning from you. You have represented the Japanese values of friendship, compassion, and hospitality, at its best. We will never forget the efforts you made in paving the way for us to explore Tokyo's beautiful sight-seeing, restaurants, and shops. We have earned ourselves true friends in Japan.

To my fellow participants, representing 19 other countries, I want to express my deepest gratitude. Over the past month, we have built more than a professional network—we have forged genuine friendships, and brotherhood. These connections remind us that despite our

diverse backgrounds, we share a common goal, and that is: to uphold justice, integrity, and rule of law. As we prepare to return home, let us remember that our shared knowledge and experiences are powerful tools in creating a better future.

For me personally, coming from a land that faces hardships, challenges, and conflicts, this program has been a profound reminder, of the strength that comes from collaboration and shared purpose. It is my hope that the values of fairness, peace, and humanity we uphold here, will resonate far and wide, offering solace and hope even to those enduring the heaviest burdens, all around the world.

Let me conclude with this thought: the bonds we have formed here transcend borders and time zones. Although we part ways for now, the spirit of solidarity we cultivated will remain a cornerstone of our efforts, moving forward. To the Government of Japan, UNAFEI, JICA, and ACPF, thank you for this extraordinary opportunity. To my dear colleagues and friends, until we meet again—Mata Aimashou.

May our paths cross again in the future, perhaps under the cherry blossoms of a warmer season.

Form the bottom of our hearts, Thank you. Doumo Arigatou Gozai Mashita.