

REMARKS BY H.E. AMBASSADOR Dr. MAKIO MIYAGAWA

AT THE JAPANESE GOVERNMENT SCHOLARSHIP 2014

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Parents, husbands and wives of students,

Distinguished guests,

Ladies and gentlemen,

1. Good afternoon. Let me extend to all of you warmest welcome to our residence. It is my pleasure to host the Japanese Government Scholarship Award Ceremony. First of all, I would congratulate all the 28 Malaysian students on their receiving of the Japanese Government Scholarship for 2014. This Scholarship has a long tradition, dating back to 1954. To date, more than 1,500 Malaysian students have studied in Japan under this scholarship. You are the youngest inheritors of this honourable award.
2. Japan owes its advancement and industrialization with its cutting-edge technology and well renowned universities largely to its efforts of developing science and technology as well as human resources for a long time. With the awarded scholarship, you are highly expected to cultivate minds, develop brains and sharpen wits, with which to serve to your country in future. Our government is very delighted to offer this scholarship for assisting your country, through you, bright young students, to achieve Vision 2020.

3. Furthermore, educational institutions offer excellent opportunities for human interactions for young people of our two nations. Your seniors or “Sempai” have been cementing the bond of friendship with our young students, building bridges of our two peoples, enabling co-operation of our two countries, for more than half a century. Now, it is your turn to join in such undertakings and to add new chapters to the long-lasting friendship between Japan and Malaysia.

4. Beyond Malaysia, and beyond the bilateral ties, as you are crème de la crème, chosen among hundreds of applicants because of your performance and proved potentiality to produce internationally recognized achievements in each of your fields, we place our high expectation on you all that you will become a driving force, designers and creators of a new East Asia. We are Asians working for the better future of Asia. I hope that you will devote yourselves to this mission hand in hand with our youth.

5. Finally, I hope that besides studying, you can also enjoy your life in Japan and enrich experiences on the Japanese way of life. This will provide with you a golden opportunity to learn more about Japan and the people, and at the same time, a good occasion to introduce Malaysia's beautiful, unique and diverse culture to the Japanese people as young ambassadors of Malaysia in Japan. For those of you going to Japan next week, I hope you will be in time to enjoy the beauty of our national flower, cherry blossoms.

Thank you.