

SPEECH BY MR. TOMIO SAKAMOTO, COUNSELLOR OF THE EMBASSY OF JAPAN AT THE PLANTING TREE CAMPAIGN ORGANIZED BY JICA ALUMNI ASSOCIATION OF RWANDA IN KICUKIRO DISTRICT ON 29th NOVEMBER 2014

Mr. Anicet Rwama, the chairman of the JAAR and all other member of the association, ladies and gentleman,

Good afternoon!

It was a great opportunity for me to take part in today's Umuganda. This is my second time to participate in Umuganda since I came here last year. I thank Mr. Anicet Rwama and all members of JAAR who joined today to have offered me and my wife this chance.

I know that Umuganda is community work in cultural term that means doing things together and pooling all energies together to supplement the efforts of a person or in this case of a nation. Through today's activity of planting trees, I have come to understand fully the importance of this social activity. I have also realized that by fostering a sense of solidarity and working harmoniously within the country, that's how Rwanda has been able to steadily rebuild this country from the devastation of war and genocide.

I would like to thank JAAR members for always playing a supportive role and cooperating with our Embassy in some of the activities we organize and I am glad to have contributed my small part in today's Umuganda. I remain willing and available to participate in some activities next year.

Thank you for your attention.

Bwana Anicet RWAMA, Umuyobozi wa JAAR,
Namwe mwese muteraniye hano.

Mwiriwe!

Nishimiye kuba naje gukora umuganda uyu muni. Ubu ni ubwa kabiri nkora umuganda kuva naza ino umwaka ushize. Ndashimira Bwana Anicet RWAMA n'abandi banyamuryango ba JAAR bari hano uyu muni kuba badutumiye nyewe n'umufasha wanjye.

Nzi ko umuganda ari igikorwa rusange mu muco gituma abantu bakorera hamwe bagashyira ingufu zabo hamwe kugira ngo bafashe umuntu cyangwa se igihugu. Muri iki gikorwa cyo gutera ibiti, numvise neza akamaro cy'iki gikorwa rusange. Nanumvise kandi ukuntu gukorera hamwe mu bufatanye byatumye u Rwanda rwiye kubakura mu bibazo byatewe n'intambara na jenoside.

Nagira ngo nshimire abanyamuryango ba JAAR inkunga baduha mu bufatanye bwabo n'Ambasade yacu ku bikorwa tutajya dutegura kandi nishimiye kuba natanze inkunga yanjye ntoya mu muganda w'uyu muni. Ndifuza kuzongera kuza gufatanya namwe ubutaha.

Murakoze.