## OPENING REMARKS BY MR. TOMIO SAKAMOTO, COUNSELLOR AT THE EMBASSY OF JAPAN ON THE OCCASION OF THE JAPANESE CULTURAL EVENT AT COLLEGE DOCTRINA VITAE IN KIGALI ON 18TH FEBRUARY 2015.

Good afternoon!

Thank you all for coming to attend today's Japan and Rwanda cultural event organized by the Embassy of Japan, JICA Rwanda office and JAAR.

It is my pleasure to have this event at your school. The objective of this event is to explain to you about Japanese culture and lifestyle. So, I would like to explain a little bit about today's content before starting.

We will show you a video on Japanese culture and lifestyle and have some presentations to share with you the experiences of Rwandans who have lived in Japan and Japanese who are living in Rwanda. In addition, there will also be a karate demonstration as well as traditional Japanese clothes known as kimono.

We hope you will enjoy them and get some ideas about the Japanese culture and lifestyle.

Thank you very much, Arigatou.

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Muraho!

Ndabashimiye kuba mwaje muri ibi birori by'uyu munsi ndangamuco w'Ubuyapani n'u Rwanda byateguwe n'Ambassade y'Ubuyapani hamwe n'Ibiro bya JICA mu Rwanda na JAAR.

Biranshimishije ko ibi birori bibereye hano ku ishuli ryanyu kandi icyifuzo nukubasobanurira umuco n'imibereho y'Abayapani. Rero mbere yo gutangira nagirango mbasobanurire gato ibyateguwe uyu munsi.

Turabereka video k'umuco n'imibereho y'Abayapani aho muza no kubona mukaniyumvira Abanyarwanda babaye mu Buyapani hamwe n'Abayapani baba mu Rwanda. Muraza no kwerekwa kandi umukino wa karate n'imyambaro gakondo y'Ubuyapani yitwa kimono.

Twizeye ko bibashimisha kandi ko muza gusobanukirwa k'umuco n'imibereho y'Abayapani.

Murakoze cyane.