

**Goodmorning, (Konichiwa)**

The staff & Management of Osaka City Environment Bureau;

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**Ladies and Gentlemen** all protocol observed,

On this auspicious occasion, allow me take this opportunity on behalf of the ten participants selected for the training on urban solid waste management to thank all the professors/facilitators who have tirelessly endeavored to share skills, information, expertise on waste management for the period of two months.

This training has been a wealth of experience to us as we traversed the country, learning and appreciating the levels of technology and organizational systems employed in Japan, some of this knowledge we have obtained will surely be applied when we return to our home countries and we hope that it can improve the levels of urban waste management in our towns and countries.

I wish to wholeheartedly thank the Japan Government who have made this milestone possible by providing the resources to achieve this great experience, I also wish to thank the Osaka City government, OCEB, GEC for the cordial relations exhibited towards us during the training, not forgetting JICA that made our stay comfortable and worthwhile.

Please convey our gratitude to the management and staff of hearton hotel where we stayed the longest while in Japan for the hospitality extended us, it was surely our second home in Japan. Please allow me recognise the following individuals for their invaluable support extended to the trainees all through the course, we sincerely thank you.

Mr Nakamura san, Mr Tanaka san, Ms Shimizu san & Ms Masumoto san from GEC;  
Mr Hyraga, our Action Plan Mentor; Ms Furumoto san from OCEB; Ms Kitajima san from JICA and all the other coordinators who I haven't mentioned but have made this training possible, please accept our sincere thanks.

We are surely going to miss each one of you, and definitely going to miss Japan. Finally in a special way I want to thank Ms.Nakamura san, who has been part and parcel of this whole training everywhere we moved, you have been so motherly to us, we are really going to miss u!! We appreciate all the time, affection, patience, translations that you have made to ensure this training becomes a reality for us; we are truly indebted to you.

Last but not least, to my fellow participants, let the good relations we made not remain in Japan but continue even when we return to our home countries, let's visit each other and share experiences and information on what we have applied from this training.

I wish to end by thanking all who have made this training a great success for us and for our countries; we hope that when we return to our countries we can maintain the same relations we had while in Japan.

Thank you very much! Arigato ozai masu !