

Mesdames et Messieurs;

C'est un très grand plaisir pour moi de prendre part aujourd'hui, à la septième édition de la Festival Japonais pour la première fois.

For the first time, for me because of the COVID-19, I am delighted to see so many people participating in the Japan Festival this year, after all these three years. Thank you very much for coming.

Arigatougozaimasu.

I would also like to say “Arigatougozaimasu.” to the following persons who have contributed in one way or another to realize today’s event, the biggest Japanese cultural event in Cameroon.

Mr. Patric HAUGUEL, Directeur delegue de Institut Francaise du Cameroun site de Yaounde, has provided us with this wonderful facility.

The Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA), co-organized this event. I would like to recognize the members of Japan Overseas Cooperation Volunteer here today who kindly volunteered to assist.

Please raise your hands so that people can recognize.

They work in Bangante, Bafia, Ebolowa, Edea, Eseka, Kribi, Mbalmayo, Mfu and Sangmelima in a variety of fields, including education, health, agriculture, infrastructure, vehicle maintenance and so on.

I would also like to thank Mr. Alain Christian KINGUE DIHANG, President of Cameroon Judo Federation, and Mr. Alfred Roland ATANGANA OBANA, representative of SHOTOKAN Karate International Cameroun for their professional and exiting demonstration of Japanese martial arts.

And lastly but not the least, I would like to recognize K-Mer Otaku comunity, the local Japanese cultural community, and Mr. Naoji ARISE and his students of Japanese Language Institue Cameroon. Without your kind cooperation, we would not be able to hold this event. Thank you very much and Arigatougozaimasu.

J'espère que vous apprécierez ce grand festival japonais et qu'aujourd'hui sera une autre journée mémorable pour vous.

Je vous remercie d'être venus et je vous souhaite une bonne journée.

Merci beaucoup!