

## **Thank You Speech (167<sup>th</sup> International Training Course)**

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Director of UNAFEI Senta Keisuke-San, Deputy Director, Morinaga Taro-San, distinguished members of staff from UNAFEI and JICA, invited guests, colleague participants, all protocol observed.

I can hear my heart's objections in delivering goodbye with the ranks of UNAFEI and JICA, because for we have established intimacy and kinship for past 5 weeks. But with the duties and responsibilities that have been burdened upon us all, the time has come to bring back the achievements of this training course and then re-carry out our duties and responsibilities in each place - respectively.

During this training course, all participants of the 167<sup>th</sup> International Training Course have gained a lot of valuable and rewarding experience to support the execution of our tasks, especially how to help offenders to return the community to establish their life as human beings within the community and nationally, along with the national and international standards.

In this training course, we have not only learned from many experts in their fields, but also we have visited many places in Japan, where we could observe that the theory obtained in the class was actually practiced in the field. For example, in Hiroshima, we could see the learned basics of juvenile justice were performed in an actual setting, and we recognized that Japan has a highly qualified inmate rehabilitation system.

In addition, in Japan, there are groups of people (Volunteer Probation Officer) who have a very high responsibility and moral in helping and assisting offenders. This shows that the commitment of the Japanese people who uphold the dignity of human beings. These are all learning and practice of society, and the state that needs to be followed by other nations. Besides, the level of public awareness and solidarity of Japan should be presented to various countries in the world.

At the end, we thank you very much and we look forward to continued support from UNAFEI and JICA in carrying out our respective duties in our countries. And I would also say thank you our colleagues, especially the Japanese participants, Taku-san, Aki-san, Beni-san, Kei-san, Sachi-san, Toku-san, Yuta-san. Every day we were together, in the breakfast, lunch, supper, shopping, sightseeing and so

on. The Japanese participants gave their energy and time to help the oversea participants. I hope one day we'll meet all participants again in other places, in Brazil, Bhutan, Hong Kong, Indonesia, Jordan, Korea, Maldives, Morocco, Namibia, Philippines, Samoa, Thailand and Timor-Leste. Thank you.