

REMARKS  
NAGOYA RECEPTION

THANK YOU FOR JOINING US THIS EVENING FOR THIS RECEPTION  
IN HONOR OF OUR NEW CONSULATE IN NAGOYA.

WE ARE ESPECIALLY HONORED TO BE JOINED BY:

- GOVERNOR SUZUKI OF AICHI PREFECTURE,
- VICE GOVERNOR SHINODA OF GIFU PREFECTURE,
- VICE GOVERNOR OZAKI OF MIE PREFERCTURE, AND
- MAYOR NISHIO OF NAGOYA.

I AM HONORED TO BE WITH YOU THIS EVENING.

I KNOW THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES WILL BE  
WELL REPRESENTED BY OUR NEW CONSULATE UNDER THE LEADERSHIP  
OF FRANK STANLEY.

THE RE-OPENING OF OUR CONSULATE IN THIS COMMUNITY  
REFLECTS THE SOLID COMMITMENT OF THE UNITED STATES IN OUR  
RELATIONSHIP WITH JAPAN.

GIVEN THAT NAGOYA IS THE CENTER OF JAPAN'S AUTOMOTIVE,  
AEROSPACE, MACHINE TOOL AND CERAMICS INDUSTRIES, WE  
ESPECIALLY HOPE THAT OUR PRESENCE HERE WILL HELP ADVANCE THE  
ECONOMIC RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN OUR TWO NATIONS.

OUR RENEWED AND EXPANDED PRESENCE IN NAGOYA ALSO  
REFLECTS OUR GROWING REALIZATION THAT JAPAN IS A VERY  
DIVERSE NATION. WE CANNOT HOPE TO FULLY UNDERSTAND AND  
ENGAGE OURSELVES WITH THIS GREAT COUNTRY BY STICKING TO  
TOKYO.

AN AMERICAN SCHOLAR (SHEILA JOHNSON) HAS OFFERED WORDS  
OF CAUTION TO ANY AMERICAN WHO COMES TO JAPAN. SHE  
RECOMMENDS THAT WE "CULTIVATE A PERMANENT SKEPTICISM  
TOWARDS ANY SENTENCE THAT BEGINS 'THE JAPANESE ARE . . . ' --  
WITH THE POSSIBLE EXCEPTION OF THE FOLLOWING: 'THE JAPANESE

ARE AN AN INTERESTING AND TALENTED PEOPLE, EVERY BIT AS DIVERSE AND CAPABLE OF CHANGE AS WE CREDIT OURSELVES WITH BEING."

THAT IS THE SPIRIT IN WHICH I COME TO JAPAN. AND IT IS THE SPIRIT IN WHICH I HOPE TO CARRY OUT MY RESPONSIBILITIES AS AMBASSADOR.

IN PARTICULAR, I AM TRYING TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE DIVERSITY OF JAPAN -- AND THAT IS WHY I AM HERE IN NAGOYA.

I ALSO BELIEVE THAT OUR RENEWED PRESENCE IN THIS REGION WILL HELP IN FURTHER STRENGTHENING THE RELATIONS BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES. THE STAKES ARE HIGH AS THEY GET.

IF THE UNITED STATES AND JAPAN CAN WORK TOGETHER, THEN PRACTICALLY EVERY PROBLEM IN THE WORLD WILL GET BETTER OR, AT LEAST, BECOME MUCH EASIER TO HANDLE.

BUT IF OUR RELATIONSHIP DETERIORATES, THEN EVERY ONE OF THESE PROBLEMS WILL GET WORSE OR BECOME THAT MUCH HARDER, EVEN IMPOSSIBLE, TO SOLVE.

THE UNITED STATES AND JAPAN HAVE A RESPONSIBILITY NOT ONLY TO OURSELVES, BUT TO THE WORLD, TO MAKE SURE THAT OUR SPECIAL RELATIONSHIP CONTINUES TO THRIVE.

I AM OPTIMISTIC ABOUT THE FUTURE OF OUR TWO COUNTRIES.

WE HAVE ALREADY ACCOMPLISHED SO MUCH THROUGH OUR ACTIVE COOPERATION. IF WE CONTINUE TO WORK TOGETHER, WE WILL BE ABLE TO ACCOMPLISH EVEN MORE.

OUR NEW CONSULATE IN NAGOYA WILL HELP US TO SUCCEED IN THIS CHALLENGE.



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