

JAPAN PRIZE / SHUTTLE CREW

RECEPTION

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THANK YOU FOR JOINING US THIS EVENING TO HONOR THE SCIENTIFIC ACHIEVEMENTS OF SOME OF THE BEST MINDS IN THE WORLD. WE ARE GATHERED FOR TWO PURPOSES, TO RECOGNIZE DR. KAO AND DR. ITO AS CO-WINNERS OF THE COVETED JAPAN PRIZE, AND TO CONGRATULATE THE DISTINGUISHED STS - 72 CREW ON THEIR SUCCESSFUL MISSION, INCLUDING THE RETRIEVAL OF THE SPACE FLYER UNIT.

HERE FROM THE SHUTTLE CREW ARE CAPTAIN BRIAN DUFFY AND MISSION SPECIALISTS DAN BARRY, LEROY CHIAO, WINSTON SCOTT, AND KOICHI WAKATA, WHO FLEW THE SPACE SHUTTLE AROUND THE GLOBE A HUNDRED AND FORTY TIMES LAST JANUARY. WE HONOR YOU, AND THANK YOU FOR COMING DOWN TO EARTH TO BE WITH US TONIGHT.

AS WE ALL KNOW THE JAPAN PRIZE IS AN INTERNATIONALLY ACCLAIMED HONOR AWARDED TO THOSE WHO HAVE MADE ENORMOUS CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE WORLD'S SCIENTIFIC WEALTH.

DR. KAO AND HIS CO-WINNER DR. ITO HAVE CERTAINLY ENRICHED THE WEALTH OF HUMAN KNOWLEDGE WHICH SUSTAINS OUR QUICKLY ADVANCING WORLD. WE THANK THEM FOR THEIR LIFE-LONG DEDICATION TO THE CAUSE OF USEFUL SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH.

THEIR DISCOVERIES AND THEIR DEVOTION TO SCIENCE REMIND US AGAIN OF THE LIMITLESS POSSIBILITIES OF FREE AND DISCIPLINED INQUIRY.

AND NO SCIENTIFIC FRONTIER CAPTURES THE IMAGINATION MORE THAN THAT VAST EXPANSE UP ABOVE -- THAT AREA WE CALL "SPACE." THAT IS THE STAGE ON WHICH THIS SHUTTLE CREW PERFORMED SO BRILLIANTLY DURING THEIR JANUARY MISSION.

WE ARE PLEASED THAT JAPAN AND THE UNITED STATES CAN WORK CLOSELY TOGETHER ON PROJECTS OF THIS MAGNITUDE, AND I NOTE THAT THIS IS THE THIRD TIME THAT A JAPANESE ASTRONAUT HAS FLOWN ON A SHUTTLE MISSION. WE HAVE

MUCH YET TO LEARN TOGETHER, AND I LOOK FORWARD TO A DEEPENING RELATIONSHIP WITH THE MANY JAPANESE OFFICIALS WHO MAKE THIS COOPERATION POSSIBLE -- MANY OF WHOM ARE WITH US TONIGHT.

BY COOPERATING IN EXPANDING THE WORLDS SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL RICHES, WE DEMONSTRATE THE ENORMOUS BENEFITS THAT FLOW FROM COOPERATION RATHER THAN RIVALRY. MUCH OF THE KNOWLEDGE GENERATED IN THIS COOPERATIVE SPIRIT IS NOW BEING APPLIED THROUGHOUT THE WORLD IN THE MANY INITIATIVES ENCOMPASSED BY THE COMMON AGENDA.

IT IS THEREFORE A GREAT HONOR FOR ME TO WELCOME ALL OF YOU TONIGHT. THANK YOU FOR COMING.

(YOU MAY ASK DR. KAO AND CAPTAIN DUFFY TO GIVE BRIEF REMARKS. . .)



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