

AMBASSADOR'S WELCOME FOR SPACE SHUTTLE CREW  
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*Thank you Michael*

*Uchiyama*

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, DISTINGUISHED GUESTS, MR. <sup>President of the World Space Development Agency</sup> MURAKAMI, AND MR. YAMANO, THANK YOU FOR COMING. I AM DELIGHTED TO SEE THAT WE HAVE SO MANY PEOPLE HERE TODAY JOINING ME IN WELCOMING TO THE EMBASSY THE CREW OF SPACE SHUTTLE MISSION STS-65.

((ASK CREW TO COME UP TO PODIUM.))

I WOULD LIKE TO INTRODUCE COMMANDER ROBERT CABANA, PILOT JAMES HALSELL, PAYLOAD COMMANDER RICHARD HIEB ("HEEB"), MISSION SPECIALIST CARL WALZ, MISSION SPECIALIST DR. DONALD THOMAS, MISSION SPECIALIST DR. LEROY CHIAO ("CHOW"). FROM JAPAN: PAYLOAD SPECIALIST DR. CHIAKI MUKAI. AND FROM FRANCE: BACKUP PAYLOAD SPECIALIST JEAN-JACQUES FAVIER.

I WANT TO EXTEND A SPECIAL WELCOME TO DR. MUKAI. AS JAPAN'S FIRST FEMALE ASTRONAUT, YOU SYMBOLIZE THE DYNAMIC SOCIETAL CHANGES NOW UNDERWAY -- NOT ONLY IN JAPAN BUT IN THE U.S. AND OTHER COUNTRIES AS WELL. YOUR DETERMINATION, INTELLECT, AND HARD WORK

HAVE CAPTURED THE IMAGINATION OF MANY, OLD AND YOUNG, ON BOTH SIDES OF THE PACIFIC. YOU HAVE OPENED THE DOOR FOR GENERATIONS OF YOUNG WOMEN TO FOLLOW THEIR AMBITIONS -- BE IT IN SCIENCE OR ANY OTHER FIELD. I KNOW THAT YOUR COUNTRY AND YOUR COLLEAGUES TAKE PRIDE, AS WE DO, IN YOUR SUCCESS.

*well after we are proud of you*

THIS CREW IS AN EXAMPLE WE CAN ALL BE PROUD OF. YOU COME FROM DIFFERENT PARTS OF THE GLOBE -- REPRESENTING SEPARATE COUNTRIES AND SPEAKING DIFFERENT LANGUAGES -- YET YOU HAVE UNITED TO WORK ON A PROJECT OF GREAT BENEFIT TO THE WORLD AND OF INTEREST TO US ALL. THE SUCCESS OF YOUR JOINT MISSION ABOARD THE SPACE SHUTTLE LAST JUNE IS A REMINDER OF THE TREMENDOUS SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL ACHIEVEMENTS THAT NATIONS CAN MAKE WHEN WE WORK TOGETHER.

THE ~~DEPTH~~ OF COOPERATION BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES IS OUTSTANDING AND MERITS OUR PRAISE. IN SPACE, OUR ~~BILATERAL~~ COOPERATION GOES BACK MORE THAN A QUARTER CENTURY. ~~TODAY~~, WE ARE <sup>now</sup> JOINTLY DEVELOPING AND BUILDING A RANGE OF NEW SATELLITES AND SENSORS WHICH WILL ADVANCE OUR UNDERSTANDING OF THE GLOBAL ENVIRONMENT. NEXT YEAR, JAPAN WILL LAUNCH A SATELLITE -- THE SPACE FLYER UNIT -- THAT OUR SPACE SHUTTLE WILL RECOVER. AND, TOGETHER WITH

OUR EUROPEAN, CANADIAN, AND RUSSIAN PARTNERS, THE  
U.S. AND JAPAN HAVE EMBARKED ON THE LARGEST  
COOPERATIVE TECHNOLOGY ENDEAVOR IN HISTORY --  
BUILDING THE INTERNATIONAL SPACE STATION.

*I hope before long that other Japanese Astronauts  
will join us in space flights*

WHETHER WE ARE TALKING ABOUT SCIENCE,  
TECHNOLOGY, THE ENVIRONMENT, FIGHTING AIDS, OR  
DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS FOR THE POOR --  
TOGETHER, WE ARE <sup>Working together as Partners are</sup> ~~REALIZING OUR COMMON DREAMS ON~~  
~~BEHALF OF HUMANITY. THIS IS WHAT GREAT NATIONS CAN~~  
~~DO, AND WHAT WE MUST CONTINUE TO DO WELL INTO THE~~  
~~NEXT CENTURY.~~

*of the Science & Technology Agency*

NOW, I WOULD LIKE TO INTRODUCE ADMINISTRATIVE  
VICE MINISTER MURAKAMI OF JAPAN'S SCIENCE AND  
TECHNOLOGY AGENCY.

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