

Good morning,

It's my great pleasure to have a today's special program to discuss a substantial business topic between the Dubai government and the Japanese business sector. First, I would like to extend my heartfelt gratitude to the Dubai Municipality, Waste Management Department, headed by Director Mr. Abdulmajeed for coordinating this opportunity. I also would like to express my sincere appreciation to Kawasaki Heavy Industry and Mitsubishi Heavy Industry Environment & Chemical Engineering for attending to make their splendid presentations.

Waste management is a kind of special field in which the Japanese society is good at with the great pride. A concept of "Waste-zero" is inscribed in the Japanese DNA. Japan has historically paid the prime importance on "Re-use" and "Re-cycle" philosophy. That's why Japan has cultivated a strict disciplines of cleanness, neatness and diligence. For example, in this year's World Cup Football Russia, the news covered only the Japanese supporters picked up rubbish and cleaned up the stadium after the game. This is the clear evidence that the Japanese has a strong sense of waste management, traditionally.

In the meantime, Japan is always proud of advanced technologies. Especially, when it comes to the delicate, sensitive and fine technology, no one can surpass the Japanese state of art. Japan always seeks the quality of excellence. So, where the Japanese has a strong sense of "Re-use" and "Re-cycle" tradition in one hand, and a quality of excellence in terms of the state of art technology in another, Japan has always lead one step ahead of the global society in the area of waste management.

Today, we can learn such an advanced system of waste management. I strongly hope we will have vigorous discussions to expand the potentiality of future successful business between the Dubai government and the Japanese business community in Dubai.

Thank you.