

It's my great pleasure to be invited to this Dubai-Japan business collaboration event at the Dubai's most innovative landmark-building designed by the Japanese architectural designer. This gorgeous building will be commemorated on its 25th anniversary next year, when Dubai celebrates the opening of Dubai Expo 2020. Dubai Chamber of CI has developed in parallel with the Dubai's prosperity.

According to the Japanese designer of this building, NIKKEN, a concept of the architecture is a yacht sailing ahead on the creak and ocean. It expresses the indispensable role of Dubai Chamber of CI in guiding commercial activities for booming up Dubai economy. Coincidentally, this indispensable guiding role must be how the SMEs are recognized in the UAE. When we had an inauguration ceremony of the UAE-Japan SME Platform two years ago, UAE Minister of Economy, H.E. Sultan bin Saeed Al Mansouri pointed out, the SME is the indispensable vital sector representing cornerstone of economic diversification. SMEs are sailing ahead for economic diversification in Dubai.

For the appearance of this building, Japanese designer aspires, blue glass curtain walls form vibrant blue ocean. This is what SMEs are expected. When the SME Classification System was launched at the Dubai Executive Council, H.H. Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid al Maktoum, Vice President and Prime Minister of UAE, and Ruler of Dubai, said, the UAE is keen to encourage small and medium enterprises, as they are important pillar of the national economy and key to enhancing Dubai's competitiveness. So, the vibrant blue glass curtain of this building expects the SMEs' strong performance on the Dubai's competitiveness.

This building's innovative architecture in the combination of a sharp triangle tower with a beauty round podium represents a creative interaction between humankind and nature. This is what SMEs are aiming at. In the inauguration ceremony of the UAE-Japan SME Platform, Japanese Minister of Economy, Trade and Industry, Honorable Mr. Hiroshige Seko underscored, the SMEs create a new industrial sector, as the driving force of innovative economic structures. The building's sharp architecture depicts the SME's innovative force in our economy.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

In 2009, this Dubai Chamber of CI building was awarded, as the first ever achievement in the Middle East, the certification of LEED, Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design, the world most authentic green building rating system as the symbol of sustainability achievement. This is what SMEs should be. UAE Central Bank Governor, H.E. Mubarak Rashed Al Mansouri, emphasized last year, SMEs are crucial for ensuring sustainable inclusive growth in the UAE. This is another coincident between SMEs and Dubai Chamber of CI building.

So, the today's meeting is the best matching of concept, venue, participants, and our enthusiastic spirits. What do we need more? Today is the Japanese National Foundation Day, commemorating 2,679 anniversary of the Emperor on the throne. On this celebration day of the door for our new horizon, I'm convinced the today's vigorous discussions and fruitful outcome at this symbolic Dubai-Japan collaboration building.