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Padang Kawad UMS

Salutations

His Excellency Dr. Makio Miyagawa

Ambassador of Japan,

Distinguished guests, ladies and gentlemen,

It is my great pleasure to have all of you and His Excellency Dr. Makio Miyagawa here with us at the annual Japanese Cultural Night 2017, organized by the Japanese Cultural Club of University Malaysia Sabah. My warmest welcome to all of you!

Many thanks to the organizers for inviting me to this joyous event tonight. I sincerely congratulate all of the committee members of Bon Odori 2017 who made this event a success.

Ladies and gentlemen,

Bon Odori is internationally renowned as a momentous summer event which celebrates Japanese Culture. I would say the Bon Dances are the main highlight of Bon Odori.

The elegance and simplicity of the Bon Dance movements, along with the vigorous live performance of the Japanese Taiko Drum, these features allows the uniqueness of Japanese culture to radiate beyond the boundaries of the Malaysian community.

I believe the committee members have acquired much experience and exposure through the procedures of event organizing and fostered unity towards the success of this event.

This celebration serves as a showcase of Japanese culture as it features festival foods, traditional games as well as cultural performances. All of this is crucial towards building a platform in interweaving the relationship between Malaysia and Japan.

For 9 consecutive years, UMS has celebrated Bon Odori to expose students and local communities towards Japanese culture.

It is overwhelming to see the crowd of students and the vast number of companies and parties participating in tonight's event as this shows the endorsement and enthusiasm of locals to this celebration.

With this I end my speech and thank you for having me here. I hope everyone will enjoy the night and have a good time. Thank you.