Pozdravna riječ NJ. E. Iso Masatoa, veleposlanika Japana u Republici Hrvatskoj

祝辞

ザグレブ大学哲学部インド・極東学科日本学コースが設立20周年を 迎えたことを心より御祝い申し上げます。

貴学日本学コースは、クロアチアの高等教育機関における初めての日本研究機関として、日本語教育・日本研究を通じ、クロアチアにおける対日理解の促進に多大な貢献をしてこられました。修了した卒業生は、貴日本学コースで習得した知識を生かして、様々な分野で日本とクロアチアの友好親善関係促進に寄与しておられます。この場をお借りし、貴学における日本語教育・日本研究の発展に尽力されてきた関係者の皆様に心より御礼申し上げます。

今年3月に貴学で実施された日本語スピーチコンテストに出席し、出場者が高いレベルの日本語を駆使して日頃の学習の成果を発表していることに感銘を受け、また、クロアチアに日本語に強い関心を持っている若者が少なからず存在していることを確認して大変心強く感じました。

こうした中、長年の悲願であった日本学専攻の学部課程と修士課程が 貴学において設置されることは誠に喜ばしいことです。貴学が今後益々 多くの、将来日本とクロアチアの堅固な懸け橋となっていく人材を輩出 することを期待いたします。

日本とクロアチアは友好関係を育み、今2023年には外交関係樹立30周年を迎えました。大使館と致しましては、両国の関係が更に深まるよう全力を尽くす所存ですので、皆様の引き続きの御支援、御協力を宜しくお願い申し上げます。

最後に、貴学における日本語教育・日本研究の更なる拡大を心より御 祈り申し上げます。

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Congratulatory address of H. E. Iso Masato, Ambassador of Japan to the Republic of Croatia

would like to extend my heartfelt congratulations on the 20th anniversary of the foundation of the Japanese studies course, Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences of the University of Zagreb.

As the first among Croatia's higher education institutions, the Japanese studies course of the University of Zagreb has contributed greatly to promoting the understanding of Japan in Croatia through Japanese language education and Japanese studies. Graduates from the course are contributing to the promotion of friendship between Japan and Croatia in various fields by making use of the knowledge they acquired in the course. I would like to take this opportunity to express my deepest gratitude to all who have been involved in the development of Japanese language education and Japanese studies at the University of Zagreb.

I attended the Japanese speech contest held at the University of Zagreb in March this year, and was impressed by the participants' high-level skills of Japanese in their presentations on the results of their daily studies. It was very reassuring to see a number of young people have a strong interest in Japanese language and culture.

We are delighted that the long-cherished undergraduate and postgraduate courses in Japanese studies will be inaugurated in due course. I hope that an increased number of graduates from the Japanese studies courses of the University of Zagreb will serve as a solid bridge between Japan and Croatia in the future.

Japan and Croatia have cultivated friendship, and year 2023 marks the 30th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between our two countries. The Embassy of Japan intends to make strenuous efforts to deepen further the relations between our two countries, and I would like to ask for your continued support and cooperation.

Finally, I would like to express my sincere wishes for the further enhancement of Japanese language education and Japanese studies at the University of Zagreb.

Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Japan to Croatia ISO Masato