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Good afternoon, everybody.

I am a vice president of Kochi University, Kazuo OKUDA.

How are you?

All of you have now completed the JICA training program course.
Congratulations!

You come from the Caribbean and Pacific.

I understand that your countries consist of small islands and are often attacked by cyclones or hurricanes together with heavy rain and wind, bringing about high tides and flood.

Frequent generation of typhoons in the southeast Asia may be attributed to the global warming.

Other natural disasters we suffer from include earthquakes, tsunami and eruption of volcanos.

Japan has been damaged by these natural disasters many times from long ago as well as your countries.

So, we have the common subjects how to prevent disasters and how to reduce their damages.

I have heard that, in this time, you have visited Kobe, Okinawa and Kochi and studied on the comprehensive disaster risk reduction in island countries.

I think that you took various lectures, and you had valuable experience and enjoyed communications with people living in the cities.

During 5 weeks, I believe that you have not only learned a lot on disaster management and the necessary infrastructures but also made many good friends.

Based on the knowledge you learned and the close relationships between yours, I hope that each of you contributes to making countermeasures against natural disasters in your own countries.

I thank JICA and two JICA coordinators for supporting this program course.

Again, Congratulations.

Please come back to Japan and Kochi one day.

Thank you very much.