

Remarks by Mr.Eiichi Kawahara,
Japanese Ambassador to Guatemala
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Estimados Estudiantes de la Universidad Galileo;

Muy buenas noches.

I am grateful for giving me an opportunity to make a few remarks on Japan Guatemala relations.

Japan has been cooperating with Guatemala in areas such as infrastructure, child and maternity healthcare, disaster prevention and mitigation, human capacity building to improve governance, agriculture and education.

Government of Japan (GOJ) attaches great importance to education for prosperity of society and economy based on its own nation building experience.

GOJ started projects improving primary education in Guatemala since 2006, called Guatemática Project.

You are not aware of the new mathematic textbook under this project. But Guatemalan primary school mathematic textbook was newly created by the joint efforts of Japan and Guatemala. Most of other central American countries did the same with Japan in the past.

Japanese expert at Guatemala Ministry of Education and Japan Overseas Corps Volunteers (JOCV) at local governments in Guatemala are now implementing follow-up project, trainers training and so forth.

My government also has provided about 300 schools in Guatemala under Japanese grass-roots grant assistance projects. I am very pleased to inform you of these Japan-Guatemala joint projects of symbolic importance.

< GOJ scholarship for post graduate students >
(Becas de posgrado del Gobierno del Japón)

In higher education fields, GOJ sponsored research scholarship to Japan for Guatemalan post graduate students. We have sent so far 74 post graduates to Japan from Guatemala.

One of outstanding past scholarship students is now the professor and director of the school of computer science, El Sr. Ali Lemus at Galileo University. I am very happy to meet professor today. I was also informed that the President of Galileo University praised the highest level of Japanese science and technology.

My government is happy to continue our assistances to Guatemala in improving education standards and improving primary education in particular.



Now, just like you all, I am very excited to hear the lecture by the famous Japanese astronaut, Dr. Mamoru Mohri.

Thank you for your attention. Gracias !