

June 14, 2018

Dear Professor Ono,

Thank you very much for the opportunity and honor to meet and speak to you and your students.

I received and read the letters by your students and was very impressed by their comments and thoughts on my presentation.

Before going there, I was not sure what is the best subject to talk about; I hesitated to speak about a difficult topic like globalization, risk, failure, and innovation to junior and high school students.

But from the questions they asked and the comments I received, I am glad that I did chose the subject, I think it will stay in their memory and remember it few years later.

I apologize that I was there at ramadan, fasting month, and I know it is not polite to be a guest and not have a drink or eat in Japan. But I hope it was not a bad experience hosting a muslim while fasting. If I have a chance to go there in Ramadan, I will stay until sunset and we eat together. It is fun to break the fast with a muslim after a long day of fasting.

This year, June 14 is the last day of the ramadan, and June 15 is a celebration day, we call it: Eid el-fitr.

I sincerely hope there will be future opportunities to share my thoughts with the students and also hear their thoughts on the world, especially the Arab and muslim world.

Sincerely Yours,

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