

**Remarks of Ambassador ENDO Kazuya on his visit to Rosario
Integrated School for the Japan Overseas Cooperation Volunteers
(JOCV) Members' Activities**

Magandang umaga po sainyong lahat.

Isang karangalan na makasama ko kayo ngayong umaga.

It's a true pleasure and an honor to be here today
at Rosario Integrated School.

I first thank you for your warm welcome.

Congratulations to Ms. Kanazawa for being acknowledged as a daughter of Rosario.

Our primary purpose here today is to observe the activities of our Japan Overseas Cooperation Volunteers, or JOCV, who are working diligently in this region. Over the next few hours, we will be witnessing firsthand the results and impacts of their dedication, achieved through close collaboration with local partners.

Though I have previously heard reports from JOCV members on a number of occasions in various countries, this is my first time to visit the actual site myself, so I am very delighted to have this firsthand experience.

It is truly meaningful for us to visit Rosario Integrated School, especially knowing that a part of this school was built with support from Japan in the past. This school stands as a testament to the long-standing friendship and cooperation between our two nations.

As some of you may recall, our visit was originally planned for July.

However, due to the typhoon, it had to be postponed.

I am so glad that we could finally make it today in November, and I truly appreciate your understanding and flexibility.

Recognizing that so many typhoons has given impacts to many parts of the Philippines this year, this visit also highlights the importance of disaster

preparedness, which we will observe today.

I am confident that today's visit will not only showcase the impactful work of our JOCV members but also further strengthen the bonds of friendship and cooperation between Japan and the Philippines, especially in the crucial fields of education and disaster resilience.

Thank you once again for your hospitality and for this wonderful opportunity.
I look forward to a meaningful visit.

Maraming salamat po.

Mabuhay ang Rosario Integrated School. Mabuhay ang pagkakaibigan ng Japan at Pilipinas.