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President Kiyoshi Okuda addresses the 20th anniversary celebration of the JICA Hokkaido International Center (Obihiro)

A ceremony was held to celebrate for the 20th anniversary of the JICA Hokkaido International Center (Obihiro) at the Tokachi International Relations Center on November 17. President Kiyoshi Okuda spoke as the representative of the related organizations.

This ceremony was organized by the Executive Committee to Celebrate the 20th Anniversary of the JICA Hokkaido International Center (Obihiro), which consists of representatives from five bodies: Hokkaido International Center (Obihiro), Obihiro City, Tokachi International Association, OUAVM, and Obihiro Chamber of Commerce and Industry.

During his address, he talked about the achievements of the partnership with the center. He said that OUAVM has been promoting the internationalization as it was the first university in Japan to conclude a partnership agreement with JICA in 2005 and since then has been training individuals from overseas and running the overseas cooperation volunteers program in which its students and graduates are sent overseas. He also said that many students who have been involved in the JICA program have gone on to work overseas after graduation.

Gathinji Peter Kiiru from Kenya (2nd year, Master's Program in Animal and Food Hygiene, Graduate School of Animal Husbandry) addressed the audience in Japanese as the representative of the trainees, saying, "I am studying in a very good environment. I express my most heartfelt thanks to JICA."



Pres. Okuda address