

Gist of Remarks at Mississauga Mayor's Japanese Business Lunch on August 15, 2026

Your Worship Carolyn Parrish, Mayor of Mississauga; Councillor Natalie Hart; Councillor Chris Fonseca; Councillor Brad Butt; Mr. Geoff Wright, City Manager; Ms. Christina Kakaflikas of Invest Mississauga; Mr. Kelly Jogita, President of Mississauga Friendship Association; representatives from Japanese companies, and from Japan Foundation, good afternoon.

I am delighted to participate in this event celebrating the Japanese business community in Mississauga and the 45th anniversary of Mississauga-Kariya friendship. Japanese companies based in Mississauga contribute significantly to the local community, creating approximately 10,000 jobs in the city.

What are the reasons these Japanese companies have chose Mississauga?

Firstly, there is outstanding access and logistical convenience. The city boasts Canada's largest

international airport, Pearson International Airport, and is served by seven highways and three rail lines.

Secondly, there is a wonderful harmony between abundant nature and modern urban functions. It offers an environment where people can live and work comfortably.

Thirdly, there is the active attraction efforts and generous support from the local government, inter alia Invest Mississauga, and accommodating communities that warmly welcome Japanese expats.

These attributes of Mississauga are all truly marvelous and appreciated.

I would like to offer my congratulations once again on the 45th anniversary of the sister city relationship between Mississauga and Kariya. I pay tribute to the leadership of the Mississauga Friendship Association, Japanese businesses, and the City of Mississauga for cultivating this wonderful friendship.

For the continued development of relations between the

Japanese business community and Mississauga, and between Kariya and Mississauga, the active involvement of both sides is essential. In that sense, today's event, which contributes to a deeper understanding of each other, is very meaningful.

Finally, I would like to reiterate my gratitude once again to the members of the Mississauga Friendship Association for their continuous efforts in building our friendship. Our Consulate General is ready to extend its support to the Association in helping its members learn more about Japan.

Thank you very much.