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To all the Government and School Officials present today, parents and stakeholders, my dear students, good day. Allow me to extend my greetings to all of you for this year's spring opening.

The year 2020 which has just passed us some 3 months back has been a little bit exhausting for all of us. Suddenly, our world became different... the education landscape has changed. From the school, our main study center became our homes. Google, zoom, and other apps and platforms became our classrooms. We became digital citizens. Nevertheless, education continues...

Our pursuit for knowledge does not stop just because schools closed doors due to the pandemic. Instead, different modalities not familiar to us before, served as our means of reaching out to each other. Studying is not more on social interaction but on self-discipline and self-reliance. Parents and guardians became more active in the education of children. Something that is both satisfying and hard on both the side of school and home. Despite all these things though, we are still here! Reaching out for that laurel that we have always wanted to have, which brought you here today. And for that, my congratulations.

The link that binds Nihon Fukushi University Affiliated High School and Silay Institute Incorporated remains strong despite these challenges. Travel restrictions may have hindered our physical closeness this past year, but our spirits are joined in the spirit of student welfare and education. Our engagement in the field of research continues, and our quest for cultural partnership is still on-going. Through our digital community, we reach out to each other.

Today, our smiles may hide behind the masks but our eyes show the gratefulness that we have for the sisterhood and partnership that we have forged with each other. The COVID conditions prevail. We still cannot visit each other. But rest assured, Silay Institute is just here waiting for the condition to stabilize so we could welcome you again with open arms. Whatever service we can give, if you need us, just make use of the digital platforms and social media, and we would always be here, happy to be of service to you.

Again, my congratulations for your Spring opening! Arigato gozaimasu. .