

Speech by Ambassador Yoshihiko Kamo
At Takreer Research Centre (TRC) for the Inauguration Ceremony
Monday, 19 November 2012

Mr. Jassem Ali Al Sayegh, Chief Executive Officer of TAKREER
Mr. Sultan Al Mehairi, Marketing & Refining Director, Abu Dhabi
National Oil Company
Dr. Ali Rashid Al Noaimi, Vice Chancellor, UAE University
Mr. Morihiro Yoshida, Managing Director, Japan Cooperation Centre,
Petroleum (JCCP)
Mr. Shigeki Nakashima, Managing Executive Officer & General Manager,
Idemitsu Kosan Company Limited.
Distinguished Guests, Ladies and Gentlemen

It is my great honor and privilege to be invited here today together with so many VIPs from Japan and the UAE. Today is both significant and memorable as we witness the TAKREER Research Centre will be officially opened. As Japan's new Ambassador to Abu Dhabi, I am most delighted to be part of this auspicious ceremony and say a few words to thank all the people who worked so hard to bring this much awaited project to fruition. In particular, I want to congratulate the TAKREER and JCCP executives on this milestone achievement.

As the second business council meeting between Japan and Abu Dhabi which held last week in Abu Dhabi, I had the pleasure of saying that I was excited to be able to work in this beautiful and dynamic country, which is growing her international stature in business and diplomacy, under the leadership of His Highness Sheikh Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan. I would like to emphasize that Japan is most obliged to the UAE for its friendship and partnership in its numerous business collaborations with Japan over the years. We are proud of the trust you have given to us and achievements we have made together.

The TAKREER Research Centre is a perfect example what we can achieve together. The Japan Cooperation Center, Petroleum has been doing very well in the past 30 years, providing technical assistance and promoting human interchange in the downstream sector of the oil industry throughout the world. The TAKREER has been a proven JCCP partner and the two organizations are determined, this time again, to set the standard for what Japan can contribute to facilitating the capacity building and human resource development in the vital sector of UAE oil industry.

We have passionate and committed people at the TAKREER and the JCCP. Needless to say, the Idemitsu people are all ready to help them and play

their role in the process. This unique triangular collaboration, I am sure, will take the project to the successful completion of its final phase 3.

Last but not least, I would like to appreciate the leadership of ADNOC, ADOC and the UAE University for joining us here today to grace the occasion. Your continued personal attention and guidance are much appreciated and needed in the future as well. I wish TAKREER Research Center all the best and continued success.

Thank you very much.