



Speech

**By His Excellency Iwai Fumio, Ambassador Extraordinary
and Plenipotentiary of Japan to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia**

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يسرني ويسعدني أن أكون بينكم هنا اليوم. وفي البداية، أود أن أعبر عن أصدق التهاني لي ولكم بمناسبة افتتاح "مكتب أستيلاس العلمي والفني بالمملكة العربية السعودية". وأتشرّف أيضاً بأن أشكر الجهات والأشخاص المعنيين على جهودهم المبذولة لتأسيس هذا المكتب للمساهمة في تطوير أنشطة الأعمال في المملكة.

Mr. Leon Moore, Astellas President of International Markets,
Mr. Amr Seif, Astellas Area Lead Middle East and Africa,
Distinguished Guests, Ladies and Gentlemen,

The healthcare sector in Saudi Arabia is the largest in the Middle East, and under the Saudi Vision 2030, achieving the quality of life is one of the main priorities for the Saudi government. We are increasingly witnessing many Saudis become more conscious about his or her health and fitness clubs opening around us in many places in Riyadh and other cities these days.

That's why I think it is a right time for Astellas, a Japanese pharmaceutical company, which is operating globally, to decide contributing the Kingdom's health care service by demonstrating the expertise and know-how the company has attained over long time in the past.

I have no doubt that Astellas can contribute to the health and happiness of many people in the Kingdom by providing its advanced products and services. I also believe that Astellas' presence in the Kingdom help the development of local talent and technology, which is envisioned under its ambitious Vision 2030 and also in line with the direction of the Saudi Japan Vision 2030 as well.

The Saudi Japan Vision 2030 is the compass of our Strategic Partnership between Saudi Arabia and Japan, covering promising sectors for cooperation, including healthcare and medical sector. It was launched in 2017 when the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques, King Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud paid an official visit to Japan. I am pleased to count more than 80 projects as joint projects under this Saudi Japan Vision 2030 now.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Year of 2025 will mark 70th anniversary for diplomatic relationship in our 2 countries, and will be almost 10th year of Japan Saudi Vision 2030. We look forward to working even closer with you all so that we can celebrate that memorable year together with further achievements.

Finally, I would like to extend my heart-felt respect to all the peoples who worked hard to establish the Astellas's office in KSA, and I wish you all the very success and best luck. Thank you.

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