

Remarks by Ambassador Jota Yamamoto on the occasion of the Reception to Honor  
the Birthday of *His Majesty the Emperor of Japan*

December 9, 2016

Excellencies , Honorables, Distinguished Guests,

Three days ago on December 6, we together celebrated the independence day of Finland, marking its 99 years anniversary.

On that occasion, *His Majesty the Emperor of Japan* sent to His Excellency President Niinistö the heartfelt congratulations and sincere good wishes for his happiness and for the prosperity of the people of Finland.

In two weeks from today, on December 23, *His Majesty the Emperor of Japan* will be 83 years old.

With *His* sincere pursuit for the happiness and prosperity of peoples, *His Majesty* is the symbol of the unity of people and peace-loving nation of Japan.

It is my great honor to welcome you all. My appreciation also goes to Rocla and Murata Electronics for sharing with us the fabulous displays.

Today December 9 coincides as well with the birthday of Her Highness Crown Princess Masako of Japan, which adds more congratulatory colors to this occasion.

Your presence today is really appreciated, is dignifying this occasion, and has made it possible to celebrate *His Majesty's birthday* together, here in Helsinki. Thank you very much indeed.

First toast is to wish for your health & happiness, Kippis, and *for His Majesty*, Kampai, Kippis. I wish you a very good afternoon.