

Speech at the Seminar at IOM Office in Nairobi

‘Saving Lives Through POLY-GLU Water’

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Ladies and Gentlemen, Good Day to you all. This is Oda, CEO of POLY-GLU. We are happy that POLY-GLU Experts from Asia and Africa have assembled here. We must express our respect and gratitude for IOM for sponsoring and organizing this seminar.

Here, there is neither conventional critic nor conventional international cooperation expert. All except media people are the players from the working fields.

Dr. Omar from Ifakara Health Research Institute of Tanzania made his presentation on the results of comparative study between the community using poly-glu water and the community using no safe water. His findings about the reducing of dysentery, cholera, infant death rate in the community using poly-glu water are very significant.

Engineer Telesphory, the Executive Director of TWESA mentioned how the local society changes through activation of local economy as a result of new employment, new water business, new road site markets along with the expansion of the technology.

In the speech of Engineer Martha who is responsible for supervising the POLY-GLU Ladies, it was mentioned that life standard of the community as a result of employment of Poly-Glu Ladies, change in community's food habits and consciousness of education since starting of POLY-GLU Water Project, is improving.

Dr Monir from Bangladesh mentioned that POLY-GLU Experts from Bangladesh also go to other country to educate the people on POLY-GLU Technology. Hasina Government also encourage the people to work abroad and earn more remittance for the country.

Dr. Ito from IOM emphasized on further allocations of funds from the Japanese Government as POLY-GLU Water is indispensable in the Somalian Refugee Camps and as increasing of POLY-GLU Water facilities is a crying need.

After 4 years, we have met Dr. Omar from Somalia who has been working for the refugees in the Somalian Camps. During this seminar, he expressed his condolence for Mr. Goto Kenji who was brutally killed by IS Terrorists. He emphasized that if we could supply POLY-GLU Water to all the refugees while overcoming all the obstacles like guerilla attacks, the refugees after being sound in health would be able to return to their homeland.

No POLY-GLU Experts from Ethiopia and India have attended this seminar for this time. Mr. Soshino from Kumamoto Red Cross Hospital is attending the seminar as observer. He also mentioned about the benefits of using POLY-GLU during natural disasters while giving examples of his experiences of rescue activities after Great Cyclone in Philippines and after the Earth Quake in Kumamoto.

It has been almost 10 years since we started business in the developing countries. By now, we are supplying safe and clean water to almost 3 million people in 14 countries. The number of POLY-GLU Ladies and Boys are now more than 1,000. There are more than 2,000 water vendors who purchase water from POLY-GLU Water Facilities and sell them to customers in living in the remote areas. The Water Vendors carry the water by bi-cycle, auto-bike, rear cars, small trucks, donkeys etc.

More than 100 shops surrounding each water facility have been grown. In Ethiopia, even shower facility has been established. The community can enjoy this service on payment.

Even, I do not know the exact figure that how many people are benefiting from the POLY-GLU Systems.

This economic activation is not something that I have planned for. It happened during the course of our business while working in consultation with the local communities.

POLY-GLU started water business from Bangladesh. I at first taught about water technology to Monir who is a scholar from Dhaka University. We worked out expansion plan of POLY-GLU while consulting with him.

Monir also provided his technical and business instructions to India, Nepal and Tanzania. Then, Mr. Telesphory from Tanzania went to Ethiopia to educate the community on Poly-Glu Water Technology. For educating the target communities on Poly-Glu Water Technology, he will also go to Kenya and Rwanda. And, very soon, POLY-GLU experts from Ethiopia will go to Egypt, Nigeria and Libya for the same purpose. There is no geographical border to Poly-Glu Team. Is not the POLY-GLU Expansion Work model of new International Friendship?

In the assembly of United Nations Organizations, the Prime Minister has mentioned about the contribution of POLY-GLU in his speech in 2 consecutive years. We have seen the Commercial Message of the Japanese Government in the telecasting of CNN in Kenya this morning also. And, this Commercial Message is again about POLY-GLU Water. I felt it like a dream when I saw my image in the TV Screen.

Why do the Japanese Government support POLY-GLU so warmly?

I think the reason is that POLY-GLU has been able to achieve its goal and this goal is the same with that of SDG's of the United Nations Organization. Japanese Government realize it is the work that facilitates the slogan of 'Eradicate the Poverty, Prevent the increase of refugees and Make opportunity for the refugees to return to their home'.

IOM is the professional organization for dealing with the issues of the refugees. POLY-GLU will learn more from the experiences of IOM while extending the collaboration work.

IOM needs financial assistances from the Japanese Government.

We can say from the presentations in this seminar that even for achieving the

SDGs, UNO has something to learn from POLY-GLU Style. Let us be a model for International Cooperation while leading from the front.

Let us eradicate the world unrest as expected by the world community.

In this seminar, we have talked about our achievements. But, our achievements are still very small. But, even this small achievement is going in the line of SDGs of the UNO.

Though government of each country, International Organizations and Private Organizations are working for implementation of SDGs, is there anyone who could achieve like POLY-GLU?

UNO have spent huge amount of money for the previous MDGs. But, could UNO achieve anything significant? We believe if the Japanese Government, IOM and POLY-GLU work together, refugee issues, terrorism and poverty from this world will disappear.

There will be held series of seminar, forums etc. at the TICAD from tomorrow. In comparison with that, our seminar is very small one. But, the participants are only the real experiencers from the fields.

Among these participants, there is no one who flew to Nairobi in a business class.

In terms of either pride or achievement, they are fundamentally different from the traditional international cooperation experts who earn their livelihood working on world's unrest.

It is not possible to eradicate the unrest form the world by the scholars named 'Experts' who have no working knowledge in the real field. Like me, Dr. Willian Swing, the honorable Director General of IOM, despite being very old, also does not fly in business class.

If you know the real situation of the world, you will feel shame of your luxury. If the people, involved in international cooperation work, are not able to realize to be economical, they are also not able to be serious enough to achieve anything. We hope that our government will consider this phenomenon while allocating their fund.

We will distribute copies of today's speeches in bookbinding forms to different stakeholders like Japanese Government, International Organizations, Research Organizations, and Universities etc.

What does the World need now? Spending huge amount of money, many people get together again and again and discuss on the issues repeatedly but there is no positive outcome!

We think the concerned person should wear the uniform of the field, should be in the field, should work for the people with love and affection and should believe that they are for eradicating the unrest from this world.

We are the makers of clean and safe water and at the same time we are also SMILE MAKER.

Wherever POLY-GLU goes, it is known to the people as SMILE MAKER too. We hope today's event would get a room in history as an exemplary work for changing the world.

People of various languages, various colors but with the common goals have assembled in Nairobi today.

We believe in 'One's efforts change the neighborhood, neighborhood changes the society and the society ultimately changes the world', though we know many people may laugh scornfully at the belief of such a small company like ours.

But, what else we can think when our achievements make us believe so!

We will continue working with our pride and pleasure of work while keeping in the mind the enormous target of changing the world.

Let us meet again in Tokyo.

Thank you all.