

Statement by Ambassador Ishikawa Hiroshi at
the Waves of KAMAKURA~crafts & sweets~ Pop-up Event

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Distinguished Guests, Ladies and gentlemen,

A very good afternoon.

First, I would like to express my heartfelt gratitude to Lumine for inviting me to the POP-UP event today, called "Waves of KAMAKURA~crafts & sweets~".

Two years ago, I attended Lumine Global Flagship shop opening ceremony here. Since then, Lumine has successfully showcased charms of various areas of Japan to Singaporeans.

Now, Lumine Singapore features Kamakura, a historical city, located just one hour train travel from Tokyo.

Today, you can enjoy carefully curated items from Kamakura including "*Kamakurabori*", carved lacquerware. I hope you will discover another charm of Japan.

As you may have already noticed a SJ60 logo next to me, this year, we are celebrating the 60th anniversary of the diplomatic relationship between Singapore and Japan, or SJ60.

Prime Minister Lawrence Wong visited Japan this March, and he and Prime Minister Takaichi announced the elevation of our bilateral relationship to a Strategic Partnership. People-to-people exchanges are indispensable foundations for our strategic partnership.

I am confident that today's event will contribute to not only strengthening individual people-to-people exchanges between Singapore and Japan, but also bringing our two nations even closer together. Thank you very much and enjoy the rest of afternoon.