

(Situation: In the party for celebrating my mother's job retirement)

(Acknowledgment)

Thank you. Thank you all for coming to the party.

(Point: Parents' love)

On behalf of our wonderful friends and family, those who are full of love, people sharing the precious time with us, let me express my sincere gratitude for the privilege of addressing this party. Tonight is a particular honor for me because, let's face it, this is the first chance for me to tell my gratitude for my parents.

(My father's story)

My father was born and raised in Miyazaki, moved to Tokyo, started to work in a company. He had larger dream. Through hard work and perseverance my father started coffee shop. But he passed away and my mother decided to continue the shop.

(My mother's story)

She worked so hard. She was so sweet that she allowed me to sleep in the sofa with the school uniform. She taught me three important things. Loving people around me, loving myself, living the precious life each day.

(My parents and myself)

My parents shared not only an improbable love, they shared an abiding faith in the possibilities of their children. They would give us the chance to learn in the good private schools. My mother let me travel in the U.S. when I was 17. The experience empowered my expectation of working globally. After graduating the university, I started to work and got the chance to work in Florida. Several years later, I changed my career following my heart, challenged the new job that I had no experience. My mother always supported all of my challenges.

(Point: Parents' love)

I stand here today, grateful for the love my parents gave me, aware that their loves always stay with me. I stand here knowing that I owe a debt to my parents' love, that we all share the similar experiences, and that, with no other people, is my story even possible.