Greetings by Ambassador Sobahsima at the Opening of Japan　Film Festival on Tuesday 10 March 2020

Your Excellency Mr. George Fraser, Ambassador of Australia,

Distinguished Guests,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Boys and Girls,

Welcome to Japan Film Festival 2020.

The Embassy of Japan annually hosts Japan Week with Japan Film Festival

and Japan Festival.

I believe that such cultural events which help deepen understanding by people of the Federated States of Micronesia of Japan, Japanese culture and Japanese people, will further strengthen the bases of the friendly and cooperative relations between Japan and the FSM.

This year we will be showing a total of 4 films today and tomorrow from 5:30 p.m. here at Pohnpei Cinemas, and hosting Japan Festival on Saturday from 1:30 pm at Our Lady of Mercy Gym.

This is the 9th Japan Film Festival co-hosted by the Embassy of Japan and the Japan Foundation.

The films shown today are Mixed Doubles, a sport and comedy drama, and The Artist’s Habitat, a drama of a painter who appreciates his garden. Tomorrow, Destiny: The Tale of Kamakura, a fantasy drama, and Tremble All You Want, a romance comedy will be shown.

I hope that you will enjoy the Japanese film and return home safely, hopefully with better appreciation of Japan, and at least better understanding of Japan.

Thank you.