

Remarks

Presented by NAITO Yasushi, Consul-General of Japan in Perth

**In proposing a toast on the occasion of the 50th anniversary of the Yanchep Two Rocks Project
Thursday 12 September, 2024**

Before proposing a toast, allow me also to say a few words.

On behalf of the Government of Japan, and the Japanese community in Western Australia, I wish to express my sincere congratulations to Tokyu Corporation and Joint Venture Partners for the 50 year anniversary of the Yanchep Two Rocks Project and the achievements you made all along. It is a great milestone of collaborations, with long term vision and a firm commitment.

The vision of a “Clean Green Sustainable City” resonates with so many people in Western Australia.

As Mr Nomoto explained in his speech, over 100 years, Tokyu has developed livelihood space for people of Japan in line with the changes of time, but always believing in connecting people and bridging us to a beautiful future. It includes rails and roads and residential space that connect millions of people to Shibuya and other parts of Japan.

The Yanchep Two Rocks Project became a symbol of friendship between Japan and Western Australia. At the University of Western Australia campus, we find a plaque at the Japanese Courtyard donated and opened by Mr Noboru Goto, then-President of Tokyu Corporation, opened soon after the investment to Yanchep. The plaque says the garden is for promoting mutual understanding and goodwill between Japan and Australia.

The dream was sustained for decades by Tokyu and was enhanced by Mr Nomoto. The “Clean Green Sustainable City” was envisioned by Mr Gin and his father 17 years ago, which led to the achievement today.

I wish to thank the Government of Western Australia, and precisely to the Hon Rita Saffioti, the Deputy Premier and the Hon John Quigley for connecting the METRONET rail to Yanchep Station, so dramatically at the year of the 50th year celebration. It has opened a new chapter of the development.

I traveled on the Yanchep Line to come to Perth this afternoon from the Indigenous Botanical Garden next to Yanchep station with my wife. It was so convenient, comfortable and I could see it is the changing lives of many people in the area.

With my humble gratitude to everyone who contributed to the project, I wish to propose a toast, in the traditional Japanese way. So please say KANPAI after me.

In celebration of the 50th year journey of the Yanchep Two Rocks Project, for the further success of the Joint Ventures for next 50 years, and for the enduring friendship with Western Australia,
KANPAI!

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