Assumption フィリピン同窓会会長のメッセージ

Congratulations to Assumption Alumnae Association in Japan on your 50<sup>th</sup> years Golden Jubilee.

The Assumption Alumnae Association of the Philippines maintains strong family ties with you which dates back from the founding of the Assumption school in Mino in 1953. In 1965 a number of our Filipina alumnae crossed the Philippine shores to bridge the friendship between your country and mine, serving as auxiliary lay missionaries in your school. This was under the AMA or the Auxiliary Missionaries of the Assumption. Sr. Remedios Locsin whom many of you know, spent half her lifetime in your school making her almost a citizen of your country. Sr. Remedios devoted her time to the service of the school and started the Japanese-Filipino Youth Educational Program together with Sr Francis Keiko Miyamoto that aims to transform the lives of the youth born of Filipina Mothers and Japanese Fathers. The program continues to flourish as it is now managed by the Japanese-Filipino Youth.

Such is the robust relationship of the Assumption family here and in the Philippines, united in faith and love and strengthened with the teachings of our Mother Foundress, St. Marie Eugenie.

Our Assumption education has inspired us all to become women of faith and women of action. We were all urged to become candles that will light up the dark

realms of the world around us with love and service to others. We carry in our lives the words of St. Marie Eugenie "Love never says I have done enough"

Today we celebrate the golden jubilee of your Alumnae Association. We thank

Our Lord for the blessing of having received the excellence of an Assumption

education and for being members of a great and dynamic family - the

Assumption family. We join hands with all the Assumption alumnae all around the world in working to achieve the visions of St Marie Eugenie of making this world a place for God. More power to you! In our Filipino language, we say "Mabuhay!"