

## Opening Remarks

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On behalf of Kwansei Gakuin University, I would like to express my heartfelt welcome to all of you who are here on our Uegahara campus for the Canada-Japan Social Policy Symposium. As the representative of a University that has had a special and strong tie with Canada for these 90 years, I feel it a great honor and privilege, as well as very significant for us, to host this Symposium. Our tie with Canada officially started in 1910, when the Methodist Church of Canada joined the management of Kwansei Gakuin, which had until then been under the management of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, U.S.A., since its foundation in 1889. With its rich historical ties with Canada, Kwansei Gakuin University is now a Center of Canadian Studies in western Japan, and has a variety of academic and educational exchange programs with 5 Canadian universities.

I would like to take this opportunity to talk a little bit about our College Motto 'Mastery for Service.' This Motto was given to us by our 4<sup>th</sup> Chancellor, C. J. L. Bates, who came to Kwansei Gakuin in 1912 as a Methodist missionary from Canada. I introduce our College Motto partly because I would like you to know the nature of our educational institution, and partly because I think the idea behind our Motto has a strong relevance to the main theme of today's symposium, namely social policy.

To quote from what he wrote: "We do not desire to be weaklings. We aim to be strong, be masters----masters of knowledge, masters of opportunity, masters of ourselves, our desires, our ambitions, our appetites, our possessions. We will not be slaves whether to others, to circumstances, or to our own passions. But the purpose of our mastery must be not our own individual enrichment, but social service. We aim to become servants of humanity in a large sense."

He also wrote, "Our ideal of the scholar is not a kind of intellectual sponge that always takes in, but never gives out until it is squeezed; but it is a man who loves to acquire knowledge not for its own sake, much less for the sake of his own fame, but whose desire for knowledge is a desire to equip himself to render better service to humanity."

I hope for the very great success of the symposium today and tomorrow, and pray too that the spirit of Mastery for Service will prevail in every aspect of social policies both in Canada and in Japan. I strongly believe that this is the key to a truly effective approach to Social Harmony.

Thank you.