

**SPEECH**  
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A very good afternoon and welcome to Malaysia.

I would like to express my appreciation to the organisers for inviting me to the grand opening of Aruku Japan today. I also wish to congratulate the organisers for their erstwhile effort in completing this project.

*Ladies and gentlemen,*

Malaysia is a balanced country regarding growth potential and stability. Malaysia is also one of the fascinating tourism destinations of South East Asia. We are a multi-cultural, multi-racial and multi-lingual society. We love cultural exchange and we love to share with others about our culture and understand about others' culture too. Our welcoming people make Malaysia a perfect destination to spend holidays. Hence, it is a wise choice to invest in Malaysia. We welcome investors and entrepreneurs from other countries to expand their business here.

*Ladies and gentlemen,*

Aruku Japan offers us and tourists not only the experience of tasting Japanese food, but also makes us understand and feel about the distinctive culture of Japan. Besides, through Aruku Japan, I believe we have the opportunity to learn the good traits from Japanese such as innovation, Japanese management, and punctuality and so on.

On a final note, I would like to congratulate once again for the grand opening of Aruku Japan and welcome to Malaysia!

Thank you.