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If I don't drink, I can only speak broken English.
If I drink, I can speak smooth English.
But now I drank too much, so I may speak perfect English.

Ladies and Gentlemen, especially our precious guests from across the sea,
Good Evening.
I am Masayoshi Shibata, the chair of the preparatory committee of
commemorating the 150th anniversary of Kanazawa University.

I hope you have enjoyed the dinner and conversation very much in a free and
friendly atmosphere, which is the spirit of our university.

As our president Nakamura said at the opening address, Kanazawa
University began as a Vaccination Center of Kaga Domain in 1862.　It was
150 years ago that a doctor of Kaga Domain, Masayasu Kurokawa and his
followers launched a project of curing people suffering from smallpox by
protective vaccination.

In light of horror to this disease, smallpox, at that time, we are now very
proud of cerebrating them as the ancestors of our university.

We have found 3 key concepts in their courage and sense of mission to save
the people.　The first is "precursor", which means developing outstanding
human resources.　The second is "coexistence", through which we can live
with every other human and natural life.　And the third is "creation" of new
science and technology, by which we can open up a new world of human
beings.

We believe these 3 concepts have led the past of our university, and will lead
the future of our university.　In this regard, we have expressed, in our home
page, the significance of our commemorating events as follows.
"Searching the old origin of our river, finally arriving at the spring of truth,
we, mere the drops of water, are going to sail across the sea of creation once

again".

We will be very glad if you share our image that we will sail over the boundless ocean of the future from now on.

Thank you very much.