

Lesson 43: Expressing Farewells to a Transferring Colleague

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1. Dialogue

First, repeat after your tutor. Then, practice each role.

Bob is being transferred to the head branch in Singapore. His colleagues are holding a farewell party for him.

Ichiro: Are you all set for the big move?

Bob: I'm all packed and ready to go. I will miss everyone here.

Ichiro: (Smiling) We got you a going away gift. (Handing over a present to Bob) It's a token of appreciation from all of us here.

Bob: Thank you. You didn't have to get me anything.

Ichiro: We'll still see each other at company events.

Bob: Yeah. I'm sure we'll **get together** again.

Ichiro: It's been a pleasure working with you, Bob.

Bob: The pleasure's been all mine.

2. Today's Phrase

First, repeat after your tutor. Then, make a few sentences using Today's phrase.

1. Mr. Lee is **getting together** with his former colleagues.
2. How often do you **get together** with your high school friends?
3. My family **gets together** every Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays.

* **get together** / 集まる

3. Your Task

You are transferring to another office. Your colleagues decided to hold a farewell party. They have asked you to give a farewell speech. Express your appreciation and your farewells to everyone (=your tutor).

4. Let's Talk

Is expressing farewells to colleagues important to you? Why or why not?

What makes an ideal farewell party?

What usually happens at a farewell party in Japan?

5. Today's photo

Describe the photo in your words as precisely as possible.



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