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 Singapore. His colleagues are holding a farewell party for him. Everyone wants to say their farewells to Bob personally. Bob's boss, Mr. Tanaka, is also at the party.

Ichiro: I want to thank you for all the times you helped me, Bob.
Bob: It was nothing. I was just doing my job.
Ichiro: I know you'll do well in Singapore. I'm just a phone call away if ever you need to talk to someone.
Bob: Thanks, Ichiro.
(Mr. Tanaka approaches Bob)
Mr. Tanaka: Are you excited about your move?
Bob: I'm a little worried. I'm nervous about my new co-workers and my new boss.
Mr. Tanaka: You'll get along well with your co-workers in Singapore. I'm sure your new boss will appreciate your skills.
Bob: I'm surely going to miss my Japanese colleagues. We've worked really well as a team.
Ichiro: Everyone, including myself, will miss you too. I will always be grateful for all that you've done for the Japanese branch. I wish you all the best.
Bob: Thank you, sir.

2. Today's Phrase

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

1. Mr. Lee is grateful for his employees' hard work and loyalty to the company.
2. You should be grateful for a comfortable and abundant life.
3. Aren't you grateful for what your parents have done for you?

* be grateful (to A) for ~ / （Aに）～のことで感謝している

3. Your Task

Your boss (=your tutor) is transferring to another branch. You learned a lot from your boss in the past, and you consider him as your mentor. Express your appreciation to your boss as you say your farewell message.

4. Let's Talk

What are the dos and don'ts when expressing farewells to a transferring colleague?
What are the ways of keeping in touch with a colleague who has transferred?
What are the advantages and disadvantages of being transferred to another office/branch?

5. Today's photo

Describe the photo in your words as precisely as possible.

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