

## Lesson 98: Appreciation 3 (Honoring an Excellent Employee in a Ceremony)

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### 1. Dialogue

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

Mr. Nakamura is at an awards ceremony, and he is announcing the name of Employee of the Year.

Mr. Nakamura: I would like to present the Employee of the Year Award to Daniel Craig. Daniel, please come up on the stage.

(Daniel walks up to the stage. The audience applauds.)

Daniel: Thank you, Mr. Nakamura. I wasn't expecting this.

Mr. Nakamura: Before you give your thank-you speech, I would like to congratulate you for your fantastic work with the New York project.

(Everyone applauds.)

Mr. Nakamura: Daniel Craig was able to close a deal in New York, as a result our company has just expanded to the U.S.

(Everyone applauds again.)

Mr. Nakamura: You **never fail to** impress us with your excellent work. Congratulations, Daniel.

Daniel: Thank you, once again, Mr. Nakamura. It is an honor to be receiving this Employee of the Year Award. I'd like to take this opportunity to express my gratitude to my mentor, Mr. Sato. He supported me a lot during the New York project.

### 2. Today's Phrase

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

1. Japanese products **never fail to** meet the highest standards in quality and performance.
2. My mother is busy with her job and family, but she **never fails to** cook a delicious meal.
3. Angelina **never fails to** impress everyone with her beauty and grace.

\* **never fail to ~** / 必ず~する

### 3. Your Task

You are at the company's New Year's party, and you've just won the award for Employee of the Year. You are now on stage to make a speech. This is your opportunity to show your gratitude to the people in the company. In your thank-you speech, express your appreciation for your boss. Don't forget to thank your colleagues as well.

### 4. Let's Talk

Talk about a colleague who was honored by your company. What was his/ her contribution? If you were the boss, how would you show your appreciation to your employees? If you were being honored by your company, would you like to be praised in front of other employees, or would a salary increase be better? Explain your answer.

### 5. Today's photo

Describe the photo in your words as precisely as possible.



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