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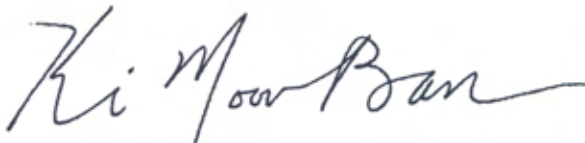
Excellency,

Thank you very much for your seasonal greetings. I would also like to wish you and your family excellent health, happiness and prosperity in the coming year.

I warmly recall our close cooperation when we both served as Foreign Ministers of our respective countries. I have great respect for your personal qualities and professional accomplishments, and I wish you all the success as you assume your important new responsibility as Chief Cabinet Secretary.

I count on the continued strong cooperation of Japan with the United Nations in strengthening world peace and attaining sustainable development. I deeply appreciate the leadership of Japan in regard to these challenges, believing we both share the same goal, and look forward to continuing to work closely with you.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.


Ban Ki-moon

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