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Apostolic Trip of His Holiness Francis to Thailand and Japan (19 to 26 November 2019) – Farewell ceremony and telegram to the Emperor of Japan

Farewell ceremony at Tokyo Airport

Telegram to the Emperor of Japan, His Imperial Majesty Naruhito

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This morning, at Tokyo-Haneda Airport, the farewell ceremony from Japan took place in Tokyo-Haneda Airport. Upon leaving the VIP Room, the Holy Father greeted the bishops of Japan and the delegations. He then departed on board an All Nippon Airways 8787-9 to return to Italy.

The aircraft carrying the Holy Father on the return trip from his apostolic journey in Thailand and Japan departed from Tokyo-Haneda Airport at 11.43 local time (3.43 in Rome) and is expected to arrive at Rome-Fiumicino Airport at 17.05.

Telegram to the Emperor of Japan, His Imperial Majesty Naruhito

Immediately after his departure by air from Tokyo, the Holy Father Francis sent the following telegram to the Emperor of Japan, His Imperial Majesty Naruhito:

HIS IMPERIAL MAJESTY NARUHITO EMPEROR OF JAPAN TOKYO AS I DEPART FROM JAPAN, I RENEW MY DEEP APPRECIATION TO YOUR MAJESTY, THE MEMBERS OF THE IMPERIAL FAMILY AND ALL THE PEOPLE OF JAPAN, FOR YOUR WARM WELCOME AND GENEROUS HOSPITALITY. I ASSURE YOU OF MY PRAYERS AND INVOKE UPON ALL OF YOU ABUNDANT DIVINE BLESSINGS.

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