

CADE, SLU TEAM...

*Ladies and gentlemen!*

*Good morning!*

*I was born in Santo Anastácio, in the country side of São Paulo state, in the south of Brazil.*

*I am the first of five children of Caioco Tanaka and Motono Tanaka.*

*I used to speak in Japanese until my tenth year of age with my grandma and grandpa. From my grandparents I learned many things principally that I should respect people and always listen to them before acting.*

*My parents worked hard as laborers on somebody else's coffee plantation. Until I was 15 years of age, that is what I did too. And as I worked, on hot days, cold days, and rainy days, I frequently thought, as one does in such circumstances, that I needed to study...*

*So I went to study, always working to survive and to get enough money to finance my studies. I graduated in Dentistry, in the Federal University of Paraná in Curitiba city, in the south of Brazil.*

*Then I married my wife Lidia and we had two children. My daughter graduated in dentistry, but chose not to follow the career and she is happy working in a government department. My son is in the last year of gastronomy course, and works as a sushi chef.*

*I worked in Curitiba for five years as a general dentist saving money to do the residence in orthodontics in the Federal University of Rio de Janeiro. Then I lived two and half years in Rio de Janeiro.*

*Returning to Curitiba I met the Director of orthodontics Department at the Pontifical Catholic University of Paraná and began to teach orthodontics to undergraduate students.*

*Some years later I started teaching on a post-graduate course in orthodontics, where I remain today*

*Some ten years ago, I began to participate in the AAO annual sessions and with each passing AAO meeting my desire, my goal to live and learn the American way of life and deepen my knowledge in orthodontics became greater*

*In the last quarter of 2010 that dream started to become reality, and it is to my great happiness that I stand here today.*

*I would like to strongly thank professors Rolf Behrents and Eustáquio Araujo for allowing me to be here.*

*Then after my acceptance and after the Chicago AAO annual session in May 2010 I came here to listen to professor Jose Nelson Mucha.*

*I think in life we must take advantage of the opportunities to thank. At this time, I would like to thank Drs Jose Nelson Mucha and Dauro Douglas de Oliveira who introduced me to professor Araujo. And also professor Ana Maria Bolognese and Gerson Luiz Ulema Ribeiro that helped me in the first steps of this pos-doctoral fellowship.*

*I would like to thank Professors Elisa Souza Camargo and Odilon Guariza Filho, from the Pontifical Catholic University of Paraná for allowing me to be here – by replacing me in the orthodontic classes.*

*My gratitude to my son, daughter and wife that have been and still are ever ready to assist me in my various endeavors.*

*While I have been walking in the corridors here and having lunch, eating delicious pizza and hearing from some residents, especially those of Dr. Alexandre Barbosa and Dr. Hiroshi Ueno, I have had the following thoughts.*

*A university is the building and what it contains, but its greatest value is the people who live within it. People who do this job as if they are having fun. In other words, doing it with happiness. The members of this TEAM are such people.*

*In the TEAM [teams here, mean Together, Everybody Achieves More] of the Center of Advanced Education of Saint Louis University, with the leadership of professor Rolf Behrents everybody achieves more and good useful, wonderful things.*

*Thank you all for accepting me in this TEAM, that is producing a new generation of orthodontists and also good people. To become good orthodontists and also better people. In Brazil the dean of Pontifical Catholic University emphasizes that a university has these two obligations.*

*I am going to need some days for my ear adapt to hearing English better.*

*Like a cut tree branches...new branches grow. As leaves of trees fall in october, in spring beautiful new leaves appear. I wish to begin, from today on, to learn how to live and think as an American does, as a citizen as well as an orthodontist, while not forgetting that at the end of the day.*

*I am Brazilian.*

*Thank you.*

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