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【Looking Back on These Four Years】

Hello, I'm Mr. Omori, Mayor of Okayama.

Time flies, but three years and eight months have passed since I took office as Mayor of Okayama in October 2013.

During this period, I have been working on a lot of political challenges such as vitalizing the city center, improving the environment for raising children, educational issues, industrial development, health and welfare. As a result of all the effort, I was able to pave the way and produce visible results, which citizens praise by saying "Okayama City is moving forward".

This was also proved by the survey conducted by The Sanyo Shimbun. According to it, about 65 percent of business owners and experts in Okayama Prefecture felt that the city governance was moving forward. I appreciate this result.

On the other hand, there are still many issues left unsolved such as the issues in children on waiting lists, education and transportation network. I must continue to advance the city governance by coping with these challenges for the city's future.

I am rereading "Offing of Mustard Field" by Ryotaro Shiba, which I read in my early 30's. Kahei Takadaya succeeded with Kitamaebune ship in the Edo period. He is said to be the person who cherished others by his motto "Justice, Honesty, Conscience and Patience".

I have been thinking that the importance of his motto is applied to a politician as well. So I have been following it and making steady efforts for these four years.

As a result, recently some people including media person often say "Mayor Omori is honest and sincere", which is a great compliment to me.

I will continue to move forward with Kahei's motto.

Same as when I firstly ran for Mayor of Okayama, I am still having the strong passion to make Okayama City better. So today, at the Okayama City Council, I announced my intension to run for Mayor again.

I will put my heart into the city governance. Thank you for your continuous support and understanding.