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I am very pleased that this concert has been organized to commemorate the 30th Anniversary of the New York-Tokyo Sister City Programme and I am delighted to welcome the young singers of the Otowa Yurikago-kai to New York. It is very encouraging to have Japan's best-known child choral group join with New York-based musicians to perform at Carnegie Hall for the benefit of underprivileged children worldwide.

Despite all the progress made in recent decades, hundreds of thousands of children continue to suffer and there still persists a tragic loss of childrens' lives. Today alone, the day of this commemorative concert at Carnegie Hall, some 40,000 young children will die, and an equal number will be disabled from causes for which we have long-since discovered low-cost cures and preventions.

This concert is a timely reminder of the plight of the less advantaged. UNICEF salutes and welcomes partners such as the Otowa Yurikago-kai and the New York musicians to help save lives and improve the well being of children worldwide.

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