

Shunryū Suzuki-rōshi
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[Katagiri-rōshi spoke before Suzuki-rōshi.]

Suzuki-rōshi: I am very happy to be with you. I am rather tired, and pinch hitter¹ hit a home run [laughs, laughter]. So maybe at the end of the ninth inning. So game was [1-2 words unclear], and we won. So [laughs, laughter] I am sorry I have no chance to, you know, to play for this evening.

I think it is almost one year since I caught Hong Kong or Asian flu. Right now, in spite of heavy work, I feel very good. So I think I am almost all right if I have a cup of water when I give you lecture [laughter]. I think I'm quite all right.

But, as I said, we won the game, so [laughs] only thing we should do is go home and go to your bed and have a nice sleep [laughs, laughter].

Thank you very much. [Laughter.]

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¹ Earlier, Katagiri-rōshi referred to himself as a "pinch hitter" for Suzuki-rōshi until the latter arrived.