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Dear Japanese Language Teacher,

Greetings from Kobe College Corporation -Japan Education Exchange (KCC-JEE). We would like to invite your Japanese language students to submit entries for our annual High School Essay Contest.

Our organization is 103 years old, making us the oldest nonprofit in the U.S. that celebrates cross-cultural exchanges between Japan and the United States. This is the 24th year we have hosted our High School Essay Contest.

High School students are eligible who have studied at least one year of formal Japanese language and who are at least 16 years of age by July 1, 2024. The winner receives round trip airfare to Japan, with a homestay and four weeks of language instruction at the Kyoto Japanese Language School.

The 2024 KCC-JEE High School Essay Contest prompt is:

Describe what knowledge you would gain from physically going to Japan that a virtual experience cannot provide and explain how, on your return, you could use this to deepen international understanding for others.

Submissions should be written in English in 300 to 500 words.

The deadline is **February 1, 2024** and a winner will be announced in March. We ask that you please share the attached flyer and information with your students. It is a wonderful opportunity for a lucky student to not only improve their Japanese language skills, but also can be a life transforming experience for them as well.

Please let us know if you have any questions or we ask that you forward this email to any colleagues who may be able to share this as well with a cc to ajgaspar25@gmail.com so we can update our email list and add schools that offer Japanese around the country.

Applications and information about our organization may be found at www.kccjee.org.

Thank you in advance for your support!

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Chair, High School Essay Contest

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