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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 102 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 23rd 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, 2023. The winner receives round trip airfare to Japan, with a homestay and four weeks of language instruction at the Kyoto Japanese Language School.

*The 2023 KCC-JEE High School Essay Contest prompt is:*

***Name a specific location in Japan and explain why this would be an important place for you to visit.***

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

The deadline is **February 1, 2023** 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](mailto: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](http://www.kccjee.org).

Thank you in advance for your support!

Angie Gaspar  
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Chair, High School Essay Contest

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