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President Yoshiko Arikawa
Japan Women's University

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Dear President Arikawa,
Dear Friends at Japan Women's University,
Dear UC EAP Students,

The University of California Education Abroad Program (UCEAP) is extremely pleased to renew our partnership with the Japan Women's University (JWU) for the provision of Japanese language instruction for University of California students. Last year, Japan Women's University was selected as the most suitable venue for this UC summer program after careful deliberation and upon assessment of academic quality, location and environment, access to appropriate housing, campus facilities, and program costs. We are grateful to the administrators at JWU who have made this partnership possible and successful. And we are delighted to renew our commitment to JWU and most grateful for its academic excellence and hospitality.

I am particularly pleased with our new cohort of UC students, who have chosen to study in Japan after what was a very difficult and challenging year for the Country of Japan and its People. I am excited at the prospect that you will all learn from your experience and then be able to share when you return to California. I also want to stress the important role you will play as ambassadors of the University of California during your studies in Japan, and hope you will find many ways to immerse yourself in the Japanese Culture and that you will forge ever-lasting relationships there. If Japan's Women Soccer Team is any indication of the determination, resilience and excellence of Japanese Women, you should have a very productive stay at Japan Women's University. Our congratulations to them!

UCEAP wishes all a very productive and enriching academic program at JWU, and looks forward to continuing and strengthening our relationship with JWU in the future. My sincere thanks to President Arikawa and JWU for their kind and professional attention to the University of California and its students.

Warm regards and best wishes,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jean-Xavier Guinard".

Jean-Xavier Guinard
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