



Yokkaichi City Board of Education
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Dear

the Members of the Long Beach-Yokkaichi Sister City Association
the Ex-YEFs and
the New YEFs:

Congratulations on the The Yokkaichi English Fellow Program Reunion

It is a great joy to know that the Long Beach-Yokkaichi Sister City Association is holding the reunion for the former YEFs to commemorate the 20th anniversary of the YEF Program.

Mr. Mike Vaughn, president of the Association, informed me that more than 35 former YEFs are participating. Also the new YEFs, who are leaving Long Beach for Yokkaichi on July 30, 2006, are sharing time together and already part of the reunion.

English is one of the most important subjects for our students in Yokkaichi. As you know, our students receive very high scores on the national English test every year. I asked some English teachers why this is so and they attribute it to the YEF involvement in schools.

The YEF program is growing tremendously year by year. Each YEF's contribution to this program is too great to describe in words.

On behalf of all the teachers and all the members of the Yokkaichi City Board of Education, I would like to thank you once again for what you have done for the students of Yokkaichi.

I wish you good luck in your work, your family and your future endeavors.

Sincerely,

Kinya Kawakita

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Superintendent

Yokkaichi City Board of Education