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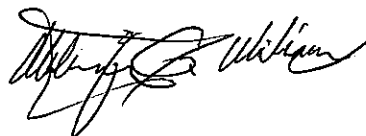
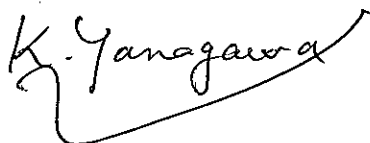
On behalf of Tohrei Gakuen Fujisawa I, OlaTunji Williams and all those involved, would like to once again express our sincere gratitude and thanks for your hospitality. It has been a little over a month since our students walked through RELA's doors. The group still talks about their days in Rotorua. They have grown a few inches vertically from all the delicious food they consumed. Me and Mr. Yanagawa increased our circumference.

In the days after our return we had to immediately jump into the new school year. We have settled into our school routine. The students really enjoyed studying English at RELA. Believe me when I tell you that they don't always wake up with as much energy as they displayed when they had their lessons at RELA. Time will certainly show how their perceptions have been altered. Our time at RELA was positive and productive indeed.

I must say, you are doing wonderful things at RELA. We were very impressed by the students we saw every morning. People exchanging ideas, seeing them break bread together. There's nothing more honorable than that. Some of our students interacted with others at RELA. They are building friendships one step at a time. I think you should have an olive tree in front of the school cause inside RELA that's all I saw. Olive branches of friendship being passed every single day.

Hopefully now Japan will remain calm for a while. Recovery is a long hard road. Our students and our school stand tall though. In the worst of times we did not waiver and we are better for it. In our hearts and minds we have created new friendships and tighter bonds. What we have now inside of us, the joy and optimism, we thank you again for that. Please continue doing what you do best and prosper. Ki'ora!!

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