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Dear Sato-sensei,

I am writing, albeit belatedly, to thank you and your colleagues at the Graduate School for being my hosts during my period as visiting researcher at the School, between June 2013 and June 2015.

During this period, I was able to complete numerous manuscripts and attend several international conferences and symposia, including the International Conference on Salt Lake Research where I was honored to present a keynote address. Copies of the various publications have been sent to you by electronic mail. These include the paper on eutrophication as a “wicked problem” which has been well-received in the lake management literature, as well as several contributions dealing with aspects of ecological economics as applied to lakes and watershed. These latter papers were written in partnership with Dr Hebin Lin, who I know is well-known to you and who is now my wife.

I was especially honored to be able to present my work to your Graduate School. Bringing my experiences to this knowledgeable body of individuals was a highlight of my tenure as visiting researcher. I was greatly impressed by the caliber of the staff and the quality of the students who were undertaking graduate studies in the School. These latter individuals represented a range of Pacific countries which was a great encouragement. The international outlook of the School and its staff was welcoming and encouraging to the students, as well as to visiting friends, such as me. The students and staff had many questions which stemmed from the presentation and extended the concepts and thoughts into new spheres and potential avenues of research. Clearly, the School encourages new thinking and thoughtful consideration of concepts and ideas. Clearly, the Graduate School of Human Development and Environment is seeking to graduate individuals wishing and capable of making a significant contribution to our world.

In closing, let me again thank you for your kind hospitality, and commend you, your colleagues, and students for the exceptional way in which you are contributing to our shared human development and

environment. It is through such dedicated scholarship, practical exchange of information, and results-focused education that we can make a positive difference, and truly seek to achieve the outcome of sustainable development and preserved environment that is fundamental to our human survival.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a large, rounded initial 'J' followed by several vertical strokes, and a horizontal line extending to the right.

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