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Reference Letter for Mathieu Jay

To whom it may concern,

It is a real pleasure to recommend Mathieu Jay, who recently completed a 10-week internship at the DLX Design Lab here at the University of Tokyo. As Professor of Design Led Innovation, I had the opportunity to observe Mathieu's contributions to two of our active projects, and I was consistently impressed by both his mindset and his output.

From the outset, Mathieu brought an energy and independence that made him stand out. He joined our lab at a busy time, working on Coral Rescue—a coral aquarium system linked to a real-time data visualization app—and AICOM, a speculative design project exploring how AI datasets can be collected through interactive gameplay. These are complex, open-ended projects, and Mathieu didn't hesitate to dive in. He quickly understood the direction of each and brought his own ideas to the table with confidence and clarity.

What I particularly appreciated was his autonomous and thoughtful approach. He didn't wait to be told what to do—he actively looked for ways to contribute, solve problems, and refine our work. He has a calm but focused presence, and his regular, well-considered updates made him a reliable and trusted member of the team. Even in a short time, it felt like he truly became part of the lab.

I believe Mathieu has an exciting future ahead of him. He combines creativity, rigour, and a genuine enthusiasm for learning and experimentation. I would happily welcome him back to DLX, and I recommend him wholeheartedly for any opportunity that allows him to grow further in innovation, research, or design.

Yours sincerely,

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