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Dear Rice University:

I am writing to offer my enthusiastic support for Nobuyoshi Hiramatsu's participation in the 2016 Nakatani Research & International Experiences (RIES) Fellowship Program for Japanese Students. This seven-week research internship program will be held from early August to end of September and will include five-week working experience in research labs at Rice University. It will enable Japanese undergraduate students majoring in science & engineering (S&E) the opportunity to gain real world experience with S&E research, provide an introduction to U.S. higher education and provide opportunities for cultural engagement and collaboration with U.S. students. The program will serve as a catalyst for Japanese students interested in S&E study and research and engagement with the U.S. through international research collaborations.

We are honored that this student has been selected to participate in this five-week program at Rice University and believe that it will complement his undergraduate studies in Applied Physics. We approve Nobuyoshi Hiramatsu's participation in the Nakatani RIES Fellowship for Japanese Students.

I would also like to confirm that Nobuyoshi Hiramatsu is a currently enrolled, degree-seeking undergraduate student in good academic standing at the University of Tokyo.

Should you have further questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact me at office@ap.t.u-tokyo.ac.jp.

Sincerely,

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