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His Imperial Majesty the Emperor Akihito  
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Imperial Palace  
Tokyo

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Your Imperial Majesty the Emperor,

I am very honored that you present me your precious time and pay the attention to read this letter. I am an fine art student and artist from the Czech Republic and I came to Japan for exchange student programme three months ago. As my project I did an intervention to public space. I set up an installation in one station in Tokyo Metro to find out an amount of happy and unhappy people in Tokyo. In short I divided ticket gates to two groups – gates for happy people and for unhappy people – and with a help from my assistants I collected numbers of happy and unhappy people.

Regrettably I found out that there is approximately two times more **unhappy** people than happy people. I think that you as the Emperor of Japan should know that there is so much unhappy people in your Empire so I decided to inform you about it. For your further information I attach detailed description of the project including link to webpage with video and photo documentation.

If you could, please inform me about your opinion of it and about your potential steps against that situation. You can write to address to the Czech Republic, which is written above, or you can write to the address of my teacher Mr. Isao Sato below, if it is more comfortable for you. He would send it to my address.

Mr. Isao Sato  
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With great and many thanks

Yours sincerely

Vojtěch Maša