



Dear Japanese Language Teacher,

Greetings from Kobe College Corporation -Japan Education Exchange (KCC-JEE). Last year we celebrated our 100th year anniversary, making us the oldest nonprofit in the U.S. that celebrates cross-cultural exchanges between Japan and the United States.

As many of you know, each year since 1995, we have hosted our High School Essay Contest for eligible students who have studied at least one year of Japanese language and who are at least 16 years of age by July 1, 2022. The winner receives round trip airfare to Japan, with a homestay and four weeks of language instruction at the Kyoto Japanese Language School.

This year's prompt is about anime, something we know often draws students to learn Japanese in the first place. The 2022 contest prompt is:

*Write an essay in English in 500 words or fewer responding to the prompt below:  
**In what ways does anime reflect the culture of Japan? Why do you think anime has become so popular with American youth and what are its effects on its audience in general?***

The deadline is **February 1, 2022** and a winner will be announced in March. We ask that you please share the attached flier and information with your students. It is a wonderful opportunity for a lucky student to not only improve their Japanese language skills, but also can be a life transforming experience for them as well.

Please let us know if you have any questions or we ask that you forward this email to any colleagues who may be able to share this as well with a cc to [ajgaspar25@gmail.com](mailto:ajgaspar25@gmail.com) so we can update our email list and add schools that offer Japanese around the country.

Applications and information about our organization may be found at [www.kccjee.org](http://www.kccjee.org). Thank you in advance for your support!

Best,

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