



Embassy of the United States of America

Tokyo, Japan

Message for Ritsumeikan University

On behalf of the U.S. Embassy, I would like to congratulate Ritsumeikan University on the launch of their new joint degree program with American University in Washington, D.C.

In 2014, the United States and Japan committed to a shared goal of doubling the number of bilateral exchanges by the year 2020, and both governments have launched various initiatives to promote international exchange. Ritsumeikan's new program is an exciting initiative that should go a long way towards realizing this goal.

The United States-Japan relationship is one of the most important in the world. In order to maintain this vital partnership, we need to develop leaders who can communicate with and understand one another. I encourage interested students to take part in Ritsumeikan's new program and contribute to the strong bonds of the U.S. - Japan friendship.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Margot Carrington'.

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