



## Farewell to Hayato

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On behalf of all the graduates from the International Language Course of Yokohama Hayato High school, I, Nao Otomo, would like to convey my deepest gratitude to all the teachers and other staff members, who supported us through the experiences we have had over the past three years.

We entered Yokohama Hayato High School three years ago. I was really happy because I loved English and wanted to study English a lot. But I also had anxieties because many of the International Language Course students are very good at English. I was afraid that I could not keep up with them. Those worries were soon gone when I decided to try many new things that I had never done.

The past three years have given me a lot of precious memories. Our school trip to

America was one of them. I found how exciting it is to be able to communicate with American people using English. It's one of our motivations to learn English. We learned the culture, history, and society of America. Especially, I had learned before the trip about racial discrimination. In fact, I felt scared a little when I saw black people. When we went to America and interacted with people with various racial backgrounds, I realized that I had been prejudiced against different races. Seeing various races living in the same place, my negative feelings about African-Americans disappeared. Besides, the teacher who helped me with the English Speech Contest is a nice black man.

I tried to do many volunteer activities. These helped me to understand foreign cultures. Youth International Festa and Korea/Japan Youth Festa were good opportunities for me to know many cultures. Through volunteer activities, I could meet many people and think about what the Japanese people should do for other countries from now.

The most important thing that I gained is the great friendships I developed over the past three years. When I was a junior high school student, I had a lot of trouble with my friends about relationships. But here at Hayato High School, I could make great friends and everyday was happier than I could say. I want to keep good relations with them forever. I also met great teachers. When I was in trouble about studying for university entrance exams, they guided me kindly. Whenever I saw them at school, they willingly talked to me. I love Hayato High School because of them.

I really want to thank our parents. They always supported us when we faced the challenges in Hayato High School. They also helped us thinking about our future when we were choosing our universities.

Finally, I sincerely hope that each of our junior students will have a wonderful time as I did during my high school days and that you will prepare to become a person who will contribute to the world in the future.

I wish each and every one of you many prosperous and successful years ahead.

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## Farewell Message

OOOO(2-A)

Good morning ladies and gentlemen. My name is Nanaka Yamada. I'm humbled and honored to have the opportunity to deliver a speech on behalf of all the junior students of the International Language Course. Two years ago, you congratulated us when we entered this school. Today, I would like to congratulate you on your graduation.

I would like to thank you for leading us forward in our school life, especially as International Language Course students. Even now, I clearly remember the first day of school as a Hayato student. I had no friend to talk with, and in my classroom, it was so quiet that I could only hear people coughing or rolling their pencils. But then, you, our seniors, came and welcomed us to the International Language Course. We all relaxed and smiled when you did that.

You not only made us smile, but also gave each of us a lot of advice. When we were preparing for the school trip to America, you told me about your experiences and the things we should do in America. When I was having a hard time studying, you taught me the way to do it. When I was worrying about my future, you listened to me and gave me some good advice. During speech contest season, you helped me to calm down and encouraged me when I was really nervous. Thanks to your help and support, now I am able to have an amazing school life. I have no words to express my gratitude.

From tomorrow, you are going to fly your own ways, and it will be absolutely different for everyone. You may hit a lot of brick walls, but at those times, please remember these three years you spent at this school. Please have confidence in yourself and be proud that you are a Hayato graduate. We, the junior students of Yokohama Hayato High School, are very happy to have met you and are proud of you. We wish you all have happy adventures, fantastic new friendships, and amazing experiences in your further journeys through life.

Again, congratulations to all the graduates. Thank you.

