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To: The Japan Exchange and Teaching Program (JET)

Re: Recommendation for Roy Chan

I am pleased to be able to write this letter of recommendation for Roy Chan as part of his application to the JET Program. Roy was a student in my class at the University of California, Irvine entitled "Teaching English Internationally." This course is designed to introduce undergraduate students to teaching English as a foreign language through the study of EFL teaching methodology and the examination of comparative pedagogy here and abroad, while also exploring matters of cross-cultural adjustment to ensure preparedness for, and success in, taking on an international teaching assignment. Roy Chan proved himself to be an excellent student; always coming to class well prepared, well organized and ready to engage in class discussions and activities with thoughtful reflection and genuine enthusiasm; earning an "A" in the course.

Roy enrolled in my class after having had a life-changing experience in teaching English abroad through a volunteer program in China. In that program he demonstrated his enthusiastic commitment to helping others to learn English while working hard to create meaningful and relevant lesson plans for his students. Upon his return to the United States he was inspired to enroll in additional education courses to learn more about teaching to better prepare him to pursue further international teaching opportunities.

In addition to his academic preparation and innate intellectual abilities, Roy's natural interest in other cultures and sensitivity to the needs of his students will help him to make an important contribution to the JET program. Having pursued foreign language study himself, Roy can readily relate to the challenges that his English language learners face. I strongly recommend Roy Chan to the JET program, as I know that he will commit himself to providing quality instruction for his students, and to becoming an effective member of a teaching team in Japan.

Very truly yours,

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