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To: The Japan Exchange and Teaching Program (JET)

Re: Recommendation for Roy Yew-hung Chan

As a former 3-year JET Program participant, it is my joy and privilege to recommend Roy Yew-hung Chan to the Japan Exchange and Teaching Program. As an ALT (2000-2001) and prefectural advisor (2001-2003) for the Iwate Prefectural Board of Education, I am well-aware of what it takes to be an ALT, and I strongly believe that Roy Yew-hung Chan will make an exceptional candidate in both his teaching and interpersonal skills to the program.

I have known Roy Chan personally for well over two years as a member of the UC Irvine Concert Choir program, and have know him to be a very kind and enthusiastic person when it comes to his friends, teammates, and other colleagues. Mr. Chan's leadership manner and positive attitude makes everyone around him feel well accepted and welcomed. Over the summer in July, I witnessed firsthand his interactions with students from all over the world during the *2008 International Musical Eisteddfod Festival* in Llangollen, Wales in where our choir won Second Prize in competition with over 200 choruses from thirty-four countries. I noticed that no one was more willing to take more joy in making friends with other participants from other countries than him. Many groups responded with great enthusiasm to his open friendliness and interest in their cultures and lives.

A leader by example, I believe that Mr. Chan has the advantage over many applicants to the JET Program of having had prior experience teaching English in Asia. He is a very good student who learns quickly and does more than is asked of him without complaint. His completion, with distinction, of courses in international education is a clear declaration of his passion and continued interest in teaching abroad. He is expected to graduate in June 2009 with a B.A. degree in Criminology, Law & Society at UC Irvine. I am very happy to learn of Roy's interest in the JET Program, and I know that he will make a valuable asset to any school, teaching team, and community. I would further recommend that he be placed in a single high-academic high school where he could have the chance to really get to know his students and affect a positive change in their lives.

Sincerely,

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