

ACADEMIC HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAMME
STUDENT'S LETTER TO HOST FAMILY

NAME OF STUDENT KUMAZAYVA Kie

In the space below, please write a letter to your host family explaining yourself, your family, and your interests. The more complete your explanation, the better the receiving organization can match your interests to that of your host family. It also helps your host family to understand you more personally so that they can readily accept you as a member of their family.

Dear host family,

Hello. My name is Kie. Thank you for accepting me to your family. In this letter, I would like to tell you about myself, my family, my interests and why I decided to study in Denmark.

First of all, let me introduce about myself. I like spending time with my family or with my friends. I like talking to other people and going out with them. On the other hand, I also like doing something alone. For example, going for a walk while taking photos, playing musical instruments, listening music, and reading books. One thing I am proud of myself is that I have a strong sense of responsibility. I always do what I have to do even if it is a difficult task.

There are 4 members in my family: my mother, father, an older sister, and myself. Both my parents are English teachers. My father is kind and laid-back. We have some common interests such as comics, games and our favorite foods. We like ramen, udon, noodles, Chinese food. He sometimes takes me out to eat those foods. My mother is efficient and helpful. She always does something for our family. I think she is the most hard-work person in my family. My sister is 18 years old, and she is in her last year at high school. She is the best chef in my family. She makes delicious meals by herself. I like the food.

Lastly, I would like to explain the reason why I want to study in Denmark. I decided to apply for a one-year study abroad program because I would like to know a lot of things that I cannot experience in Japan. I have been to Sweden and Finland once and I was really impressed with the Nordic culture. When I stay with you in Denmark, I would like to visit a lot of places where you often go or you like to go. Since I like going for walks and taking pictures, I would like to go out and know more about your neighborhood as its history or cultures.

Thank you again for considering becoming my host family. I am looking forward to meeting you in Denmark.

Sincerely yours,

Kie.

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PARENT'S LETTER TO HOST FAMILY

Dear host family,

First of all, we would like to thank you for welcoming our daughter, Kie, into your family.

Allow me to introduce Kie to you. We are a family of four. We have two daughters, and she is the younger one. We all have a great relationship with her. Her sister gets along better with her mother than me, so Kie and I have a closer bond. As a family, we enjoy traveling. This March, we traveled to Melbourne, Australia for a week. In the same month, Kie and I took a drive to Kagawa Prefecture, which was about 10 hours away from our house, just to eat her favorite food, Udon.

I would describe Kie as a very responsible person. When she sets her mind to do something, she takes responsibility for it. For instance, a couple of years ago, I bought her a plant. Since then, she has diligently watered it almost every day. It was a small plant when we bought it, but now it has grown almost as tall as Kie. One of her favorite activities at home is to watch videos of her favorite musicians. She also enjoys reading comics and novels.

We will definitely miss her, but we are supporting her decision to go to Denmark because it is something she genuinely wants. We hope that she will have experiences there that she cannot have here in Japan and that it will help her become more open-minded. Being flexible and tolerant is an important part of her personal growth. I believe she knows best what she wants to do and what she needs to do. I am confident that she will find a place in life where she feels comfortable.

Lastly, we kindly request that you take good care of her during her stay. Please treat her as our own daughter and discipline her if she makes mistakes. We sincerely wish your family and you a wonderful time while she is with you.

Sincerely yours,

From Takaaki (Kie's father)

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