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Dear Mr. Hawkins:

I am very grateful for the warm welcome you extended to the five high school students from Nagaoka during their recent visit to your beautiful city.

They reported that you had taken the students to the historic battle site and to the Peace Project Commemoration Marker both located on Ford Island. They also added that your instructive explanations had led them to think about the power of reconciliation. I would also like to express my deepest gratitude to you for offering a special intensive English lesson to them. They said that you had given them some useful tips about how to master the English language. It is often said that the Japanese people are generally not good at speaking English despite their long-term studying experiences. I hope that the students continue to take an interest in studying English based on what they have acquired in your class.

We would like to continue to promote our sister city exchange programs with the City and County of Honolulu especially focusing on educational and peace-oriented programs. I would appreciate your continued guidance and support in this respect in the days ahead.

Sincerely,
Kazuhiko Hara

Chairman of the Board of Directors
Nagaoka International Exchange Association
(a public interest incorporated foundation)

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