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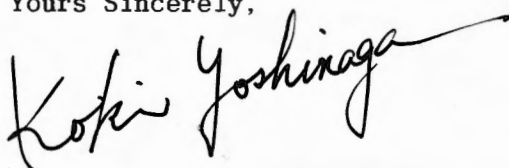
Dear Sir or Madam,

I am writing on behalf of Kevin Cassell whom I had the pleasure of working with from July 1991 - August 1993 at Amakusa High School in Kumamoto prefecture. During this time we had the experience of team-teaching high school freshmen, following the pupils through their first year to their second year. Kevin was present at the school three days weekly all year round; the rest of the time he taught at three other high schools nearby. He gained much English-language teaching experience during his time in Japan. Since he taught first-, second-, and third-year students at his other schools, he is used to teaching a wide range of age-groups. He also showed flexibility by adjusting to various levels of student ability. For example, while Amakusa High School remains the best in the area, with many graduates attending college, Kevin's visit schools had lower-level students who possessed very little knowledge of English. Yet Kevin's classes were successful at all schools.

In his time with us at Amakusa High School, Kevin contributed significantly to the English program by introducing an innovative oral-communication project whereby all first-year students were introduced to aspects of spoken English, including rhythm, stress, intonation, and pronunciation. This project, which began with the basics of sound and pronunciation then advanced to more complicated practices such as rhythm and accent, proved to be quite successful in improving students oral abilities. Overall, Kevin was well-liked, lively and enthusiastic teacher. I can highly recommend him as a teacher at your school.

If you need any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me at the above address.

Yours Sincerely,



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