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MLA Lethbridge-East

September 26, 2014

Mr. Hisashi Oyamada, Mayor
Towada City
Japan

Mr Shirayama
Mr. Haruo Shirayama, President
Towada City Association for International Relations
Towada City, Japan

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Thank you for hosting the English as a Second Language (ESL) symposium for 2014 in your city. The Lethbridge delegates will have an amazing experience and I know they will be able to help with the pronunciation of English.

I am a firm believer that learning another language is very important for global cooperation. With that in mind, I would encourage your city to take advantage of the many and varied opportunities that are available in Lethbridge, to study not only English as a second language, but Western Canadian culture as well.

Lethbridge College has a highly recognized ESL program, as well as our University of Lethbridge's program which is imbedded in their language department. As well, Flexibility Learning Systems has an excellent ESL program along with other programs to aid immigrants to settle into their life here in Canada and southern Alberta. You may also be aware of the NIPON program in the Crowsnest Pass which provides an opportunity for students to come to Alberta for 6 weeks to immerse themselves in English and then proceed to further studies at the Lethbridge College.

I wish you success in your symposium and I look forward to hearing all the good reports from our delegates.

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