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Dear teachers at Second Senior High School of Nihon University:

It has been almost one year and a half since I graduated from high school. I hardly remember the memories that I had during my high school years excepting “studying” and “pain”, however, I feel these experiences have made me who I am. Today, I study various academic areas including “gender”, “media representations”, “hate speech”, “freedom of expression” and “poverty”. As you may have known from the result of the last American presidential campaign and the chain of terrorist attacks, we are experiencing a “hate-filled world”. There are many people who are suffering from discrimination. I think people should be treated equally with all matters such as LGBT matters, Syrian matters, Asian matters.... Regardless of their religion, color or gender, all people must live their lives the way they want to.

Before I entered Chuo University, I was thinking that the people who discriminated others were always wrong, however, I came to feel such people were also suffering from “something” and they might use minorities as an excuse for their misdoings. If we help each other and look at ourselves again, we could live in a world where everyone accepts each other’s differences.

When I was in high school, I was often suffering from “solitude” and “disapproval”, and to escape from these, I got into studying. Now, I’m feeling free because nobody looks at me with strange eyes due to not belonging to any groups and circles. And there are many students who make my horizons broaden in this university.

However, of course, I have things that I want to thank you to my high school. My homeroom teacher in my senior year praised me for my “uniqueness”, which made me really happy. In such a way, casual words that are spoken by someone sometimes hurt someone’s feelings but sometimes cheer someone up. Like my teacher, if many people praise others, someone’s life can change in a positive way. Maybe, people who discriminate others are losing themselves and trying to escape reality by hatred to maintain themselves. As we know from the tragedy of Jews during the Second World War, the Nazis used hatred to unify the German people. And a war caused by “hatred” could break out even today. However, “hatred” doesn’t last long, I think. I don’t know how to remove “hatred” that each person has, but as I said, to admire each other would improve current situation. I would like to devote my life to think about the solutions through studying and seeing the world.

I want to thank two of my schools from the bottom of my heart for giving me chances to make me change and to care about other’s feelings.

With best wishes and warm regards,

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With friends at Chuo University