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Dear Professor Harabuchi:

Congratulations on the 15th anniversary of your professorship. It is hard to believe that almost 20 years have passed since you worked with me in Buffalo, New York. You published three excellent articles on the microbiology and immunology of otitis media in a short period of 1 ½ - 2 years. I am very proud of your research on the effect of *Haemophilus influenzae* secretory antibody in breast milk on colonization in babies as well as your work on the epidemiology of *Moraxella catarrhalis* colonization in young children. After you returned home to Japan, we continued to publish articles together. More importantly, our friendship grew. Both of our families have visited each other in Japan and in the United States. I fondly remember several trips we took together around Hokkaido. However, I will always be thankful to you for enriching my life both in the lab and in life. If I could be there with you, I would raise a glass of saki and say "Kanpai."

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "H. Faden".

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