

October 15, 1982

Mr. & Mrs. Henry Takahashi
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Dear Mr. & Mrs. Takahashi:

Stanford University has inaugurated a unique dormitory whose intellectual focus is East Asia. Accommodated in a brand new structure near Lake Lagunita, the East Asian Studies Theme (EAST) House has 61 undergraduate students, all of whom have express interest in East Asia, though not all have formally declared East Asian Studies as their major. All of them have taken or are taking courses on East Asia. Many of them speak one East Asian language or another. Many have lived there for varying lengths of time. Many of them also happen to be of Asian descent.

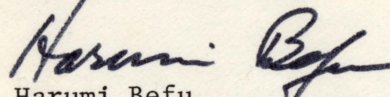
The House offers a variety of programs related to East Asia, such as Chinese and Japanese language tables at dinner, cultural and feature film series from East Asia, discussion and lectures by our East Asian studies faculty, East Asian ethnic cuisine, and many others. The House is turning out to be, as expected, an intellectual hub of things East Asian among undergraduate students.

To celebrate the commencement of this new enterprise, we are holding an open house on November 12, 1982. We plan to feature East Asian visual and performing arts as well as cuisine. Events will begin late in the afternoon or early in the evening. When the program is set, we will inform you of the definite time.

We very much hope that you would honor us with your presence. If one of you is unable to come, we would like to have one of you, along with someone you closely associate with, attend this gala event.

We look forward to seeing you at the open house.

Very sincerely yours,



Harumi Befu
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