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Dear Professor Ueno,

I write to offer my fraternal greetings to your colleagues and yourself on the occasion of your symposium *Translation—Approaches from Language and Literature Studies*, to be held on 29 October 2005. The event is a timely one in that the study of translation, as an act of intercultural communication, is now increasing all over the world, meeting our need for better understanding of international, interlingual contact and communication in a globalised world. Here in Europe, it is only in relatively recent times that we have woken up to the fine translation tradition and scholarship of countries and cultures that are far away from us. But now we are making up for lost time and our translation journals carry fascinating insights from Japan, China, Korea and elsewhere. We all have much to learn and the programme of your Symposium offers a range of insight, experience and expertise, drawing on linguistics and literary studies. Professor Shimura's lecture will, I am sure, be a fitting and inspiring culmination to the event.

I wish you all every success in your discussions and deliberations.

Congratulations to one and all.

Yours sincerely,



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