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Dear host family,

My name is Nanaho. I am a second-year high school student (11th grade student) from Japan. Thank you very much for welcoming me into your home.

I am a friendly and active person. I love challenging myself with new experiences and enjoy talking with people. I can easily get along with both boys and girls. I can be shy at the beginning, but I enjoy meeting new people. I value relationships where we can accept and respect different values.

At school, I am a member of the Kyudo (Japanese archery) club. My hobbies include playing the piano, singing, visiting clothing and variety stores, taking walks, watching musical movies, talking with friends on the phone, and drawing pictures. The pictures below are my own drawings. I also enjoy doing hair styling and fashion. I enjoy both spending time at home and going out. In the future, I hope to work in the field of architecture or interior design. During my stay in Denmark, I would like to visit many museum and beautiful architectural sites.

My family consists of my father who runs restaurants, my mother who is skilled with computers, my older sister who is studying commerce at university, my brother who likes making coffee for us, and our pet rabbit. We are a close family. We often go camping,

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traveling, watching movies, and shopping together. On the way home, me and my siblings enjoy singing together songs we like.

I decided to study in Denmark because I admire the beautiful streets and the concept of "hygge", where families spend quality time together in a cozy atmosphere. I want to learn about comfortable architecture and interior design. I am also interested in experiencing the active and participatory style of Danish school classes, which is different from the more passive style in Japan. Moreover, I want to broaden my horizons by learning about Danish values and culture - things I cannot easily experience in island-nation of Japan - and take a step into a new world.

Thank you very much again for welcoming me into your home. I look forward to meeting you and creating many wonderful memories together.

Sincerely,
Nanaho

Dear host family,

My name is Rieko, and I am the mother of Nanaho, who will be staying with you as an exchange student. First of all, I would like to sincerely thank you for opening your home and heart to welcome her. I truly appreciate your kindness in giving her the opportunity to live and learn in Denmark.

Nanaho is the middle child of three siblings. She has always admired her older sister, who is three years older, and when she was little, she often tried to imitate her. Around the upper grades of elementary school, she began to develop her own tastes and interests. She enjoys drawing with colored pencils and pens, as well as making small objects from paper craft kits. (Two of her favorites are models of the Sydney Opera House and Neuschwanstein Castle in Germany.) She also loves reading, especially mystery, fantasy, and youth novels.

As a family, we often watch movies together, and some of her favorites are *The Greatest Showman*, *Titanic*, and the Japanese animated film *Demon Slayer (Kimetsu-no Yaiba)*. She has been academically strong since elementary school, and after passing an entrance exam at the start of junior high school, she has been attending an integrated junior and senior high school with a strong academic program.

Nanaho is also close to her younger brother, who is five years younger. They enjoy playing video games together and making sweets at home. Her personality is cheerful and sociable, and she enjoys talking with people. At the same time, because she also loves drawing, crafting, and reading, she values her time alone. If possible, having her own room would allow her to enjoy creative activities inspired by Danish buildings and nature.

One of Nanaho's strengths is her ability to interact with people of any age or gender in a calm and respectful manner. She is also curious and willing to try new things. I believe those strengths of hers led to her decision to become an exchange student in your country. However, she is still a teenager, still growing and finding out more about herself. I hope you can watch over her in a way that does not become a burden for you.

Once again, thank you very much for welcoming Nanaho into your family. I believe this experience will be invaluable for her personal growth, and I am grateful she will have the chance to learn from and share in your daily life.

With warm regards, Rieko

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Rieko Sato". The ink is dark and the handwriting is fluid, with the first and last names clearly distinguishable.