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Dear KANY Alumni,

We have always been deeply grateful to your consistent support for Keio Academy of New York.

I am writing this letter, for I would like to let you know that Keio University appointed me as the 10th headmaster of the school. Being a literary and cultural Americanist who has taught American Literature and Critical Theory at Keio University for more than three decades, I was very happy to accept the offer and started working here from January 1st, 2022. In Purchase I feel very impressed that despite the threat of COVID-19 the students are very ambitious to explore a variety of topics, joining forces with their teachers to revive Open Campus (May 1st), Athletic Day (May 20th) and Shofusai (May 28th) this year.

Moreover, we also enjoyed participating in this year's Japan Day's parade on May 14th that marks the sesquicentenary of the Iwakura Embassy's visit to the United States in 1872, which was featured in the May 21st, 2022 issue of *Shukan New York Seikatsu* (for the photo of our team consisting of KANY's cheer leaders and orchestra, see p.11: <https://nyseikatsu.com/editions/866/866.pdf>).

In retrospect, in the late 1980s Keio Academy of New York was conceived in bilingual and bicultural education in Japanese and English. Now in the 2020s it has started championing the new idea of tri-cultural education by making the most of Japanese, American and Keio cultures. By "tri-culture" we mean the trans-Pacific imagination our founder Fukuzawa Yukichi himself embodied not only in skillfully translating American concepts into Japanese but also in chemically transfiguring American democracy into something new. In order to achieve the purpose, we plan to empower our newspaper *Keio Journal* (just inaugurated in May: <https://www.keio.edu/student-life/the-keio-journal>) and new research review to be inaugurated this September, and a new omnibus series of lectures entitled "Transpacific Cultural Studies" for the fall semester.

If you would generously and incessantly keep encouraging Keio Academy of New York, we would be very pleased.

Respectfully Yours,

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