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Dear ERI friends,

The last two months have truly been amazing!!

I would like first of all to thank Hotanaka-san for inviting me. I can't wait to collaborate more. It will be extremely fruitful, I am sure, because He loves them and I love Tokyo. That's a very very good start!!

Yamashita-san, thank you for coming a long way for our weekly conversations. It was hard to speak the same language at the beginning, but now we do: Sincere & meaningful! I wish you a very happy retirement.

I also want to thank Itabara-san for organizing my stay. You were so nice and so efficient. Good luck and lots of happiness for the future baby!

Hiraga-san, Takei-san, Idetani-san, Nakatani-san, thank you for our conversations which made me reflect a lot. I love Japanese food, so thank you also for introducing me to soba, Tonkatsu, Japanese pastas.

Finally I would also like to thank Tomari-san and others for sharing the office. It must have been hard!!

I enjoyed every minute of my stay. ERI is really a wonderful place and Nara should be the capital of the world. Many many thanks, have a great summer. And see you all very very soon. Alex