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Greetings, Fukuians! My name is Jennifer Henry, and I returned to America from Fukui in August of last year.

It's been almost a year since I left Fukui...time really flies.

After coming back this past August, I entered my fourth year of college to find two exchange students from Fukui at my university. They were a pair of students majoring in English, and always helped me during my stay in Fukui. I was glad to return the favor in helping them get used to their life in America, so I set out to greet them at the airport.

We immediately started reminiscing about the time we spent together in Fukui, from our trip to Awara Matsuri, to our classes at Fukui University, to our trip to Tojinbo and more. Thinking back on it, I realized that Fukui truly is a special place.

When my winter break came around in December, I decided to bring my Fukui friends home with me to Alaska, since they had always spoken excitedly of going. As I had thought, the cold weather had a white Christmas in store for us with snow piled up everywhere. It felt great to be able to show them my hometown, as well as the Aurora Borealis and moose of Alaska; they even said that it was a lot like Fukui. It made me hope that the bonds between Fukui and America can grow stronger in the coming years. My two friends are already back in Fukui and continuing their studies at school. Surely, they are recalling their time in America right now. I will also return to Japan soon, though this time will bring me to Okayama

Prefecture rather than Fukui. Regardless, I will come back to Fukui often, and look forward to the day when I am back there again.