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Dear Japanese Federation of the Deaf,

On behalf of the World Federation of the Deaf, I would like to extend our heartfelt congratulations on your initiatives that have successfully led to the local council of Haga-machi in Tochigi prefecture to adopt your proposal and subsequently request the government of Japan to enact 'Japanese Sign Language Act'.

It is in the WFD's best interest that work of our Ordinary Members align with what we do. Your collaborative advocacy work is exemplary and must be commended.

I wish you continued success in your ongoing advocacy to achieve the final goal of having 'Japanese Sign Language Act' recognised by the Diet of Japan.

Once again, congratulations to you and your Deaf Community.

Warmest regards,

Colin Allen President World Federation of the Deaf