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Ms. Kara L. Bue  
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Dear Ms. Bue,

I am deeply saddened to hear about the untimely passing of Ambassador Richard L. Armitage, Former Deputy Secretary of State.

I am certain that his passing must be a huge loss to you and your organization. Sorrow is certainly indescribable for us as well.

Ambassador Richard Armitage made an immense contribution to strengthening the Japan-U.S. alliance and partnership. He was also a respected true friend and precious supporter of our institute. He left a significant impact on us as well.

Please accept my deepest and heartfelt condolences to you and to your and his colleagues.

If you do not mind, please allow me to express our wish that the attached message reaches close to him or somewhere appropriate whenever possible.

Wishing you comfort and peace during this difficult time.

Sincerely yours,

Masafumi Shukuri  
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Message of condolence on the passing of Ambassador Richard L. Armitage, Former Deputy Secretary of State.

I would like to express my deepest condolences on the passing of Ambassador Richard Armitage.

Ambassador Armitage possessed profound insight into Japan-U.S. relationship. He dedicated himself to and made an immense contribution to strengthening the Japan-U.S. Alliance and partnership.

He was also a respected true friend and precious supporter of our institute. He was kind enough to take the time to regularly meet with us and generously share his insights on a wide range of issues including developments or moves in the United States and international affairs, with core emphasis on the Japan-U.S. relations. We were also honored to welcome him as a key speaker at our seminar, in which he presented thoughtful and inspiring perspectives.

His dedication to fostering strong ties between Japan and the United States, along with his kind guidance on our activities, left a significant impact on all of us.

I would like to once again express my deep respect for his tireless efforts in promoting understanding of Japan in the United States as well as for his significant achievements and offer my heartfelt prayers for his soul to rest in peace.

Masafumi Shukuri  
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