

Message for International Education Week 2012
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Health is fundamental to our life.
Young people are full of promise and physical and mental health are essential for them.
Sports cultivate not only strong physical health but judgment and patience.
We can also learn the meaning of fairness and discipline.

Sports, in addition, are universal and connect people around the world.
This summer, we witnessed people from all around the world getting to know each other through the London Olympics.
These people-to-people exchanges allow young people to learn about cultural diversity and broaden their horizons.
This is exactly what I wish all of you to experience through this year's *International Education Week: Striving for a Healthier Future Worldwide*.

I am convinced that 13th International Education Week will be a great success.
The Embassy and Consulates-General of Japan around the United States are happy to be a part of this great event.