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Subject: Memory of Kolkata

Dear Principal,

My name is Sayaka Okeno. I live in Osaka, Japan, and recently visited Kolkata to see my friend and her family. In the morning of 28 January 2026, I visited Jorasanko Thakur Bari. At the end of my tour, I was sitting in the courtyard, where I met some of the girls from your school, also visiting Jorasanko.

They were very friendly and asked me many questions about Japan and myself. I truly enjoyed our casual conversation and was grateful for this unexpected encounter and interaction. I got the impression that those girls were very graceful, polite, cheerful, and have the passion and initiative to learn and satisfy their curiosity.

It was one of the most memorable moments in Kolkata, and later that evening, I shared this experience with my friend and showed her the photos I had taken. Looking at the photos, she proudly said that the girls are from the school she graduated from years ago (2001 batch).

With her permission, I would like to share that my friend is Ms. Suhrita Majumdar. She is a well-experienced intellectual property lawyer, now based in Delhi. We initially met through work and have organically become close friends over the past 15 years. She is professionally passionate, dedicated and creative, and is personally kind and caring, not to mention she has a great sense of humour. She makes everyone around her happy. In fact, one of her recent projects was launched on YouTube the very day I met those girls.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Z9tXArbwJ30>

It is no surprising to me that they all are the students of the same school, and I am genuinely happy about this coincidence. I am reaching out to you to express how deeply impressed I am by your school's philosophy and achievements.

I am also sending photos I took with your students. Those in the photos are not all the students I met. Again, I am grateful for the opportunity to have met them all and I will cherish the heartwarming memories.

Wishing the school continued success in nurturing young minds,

Sayaka Okeno