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Greetings,

As a New Colombo Plan Scholar I feel that in ensuring that the aims of the program be actualised to the fullest potential that future dealings with Japan be considered.

Whilst I understand that past dealings with the nation have been fruitful, notably the Free Trade Agreement that was facilitated by the Federal Government, complacency with regard to deals with Japan should be avoided in the future. Potential economic unrest stemming from the election of the President of the United States may require that Australia strengthen its economic ties in East Asia and particularly Japan, the third largest economy globally, by nominal GDP according to IMF's World Economic Outlook Database.

With major upcoming sporting events scheduled to take place in Japan, the Rugby World Cup in 2019 and the Olympic Games in Tokyo in 2020, economic opportunities arise not only for Japan but also in Japan for many Australians.

Furthermore, Japan appears to be preparing to streamline their current restrictions on skilled visa applicants. As someone with an interest in potentially working in Japan in the future I feel that this should be under consideration by the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade given the high volume of skilled workers that Australia exports.

I thank you for considering public opinion in developing the future Foreign Policy White Paper.

Kind regards,

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