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PRIME MINISTER'S
PERSONAL MESSAGE
SERIAL No. T156A/86

Dear Prime Minister,

You will recall that on the occasion of the informal exchange of views at the 12th Economic Summit Meeting held in Tokyo in last May, I referred to the importance of the role to be performed by education and proposed the convening of a conference of high-level experts on education.

Following up on it I immediately instructed that a concrete study should be made within the government about convening this conference in Japan.

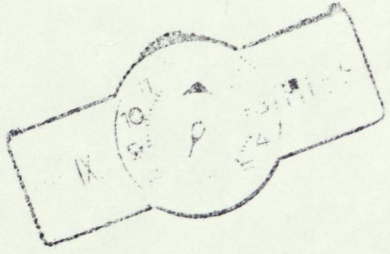
Consequently, my Government has decided to hold this conference, as outlined in the attached paper, extending the scope of participants to all the OECD countries.

I should be very grateful, therefore, if you would be good enough to recommend suitable experts of your country and inform us of their names and other relevant matters about them through diplomatic channels, in order to see that this conference will, by positive discussions, provide us with valuable suggestions concerning education, including its desirable mode in the future, and serve as the basis for seeking the means for promoting, through education, international understanding, and international exchanges and cooperation in the future.

With kindest regards,

Yours sincerely,

The Right Honourable
Mrs. Margaret Thatcher, MP
Prime Minister
of the United Kingdom
of Great Britain and Northern Ireland



Provisional Outline
of
Conference of High-Level Experts on Education

1. Time

January 19-21, 1987 inclusive (three days)

2. Place

Kyoto International Conference Hall (Kyoto City)

3. Participants

Two high-level experts who are recommended by each of the following countries and organs: OECD countries, Yugoslavia, the European Commission, and OECD Secretariat, and who are versed in the under-mentioned subjects.

The participants will join the discussions in their personal capacity.

4. Subjects

(1) Educational Reform to cope with Economic and Social Changes

Each country has its own educational system and faces different problems, but it is a fact that there are problems common to the industrialized countries, which are urgently required to respond to drastic economic and social changes. It is useful, therefore, for different countries to exchange views on such common problems.

Exchange of information on the state of educational reform in each country is useful to the practice of educational reform in other countries in the future.

(2) Promotion of Personnel Exchanges in the Field of Education

At this time when international economic relations are so closely interwoven, the promotion of personnel exchanges to deepen mutual understanding of other countries' cultures is a matter of importance. To that end, the exchanges of students, teachers, researchers, etc. should be increased.

(3) Educational Cooperation with Developing Countries

In the developing countries, the importance of human resources development has been mounting, notably in recent years. The industrial countries should make positive contributions to the human resources development in the developing countries through academic exchanges between universities and colleges, and technical cooperation, including the acceptance of trainees.

5. Other Matters

(1) The cost of hotel accommodation will be borne by the Japanese Government during the period of the conference (not longer than four days) for the participating experts notified to it by their Governments.

(2) Details concerning this conference will be notified later through diplomatic channels.

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CF - for information

Charles Powell wrote to
Colin Budd (FCO) on
8 September enclosing
correspondence from
Prime Minister Nakasone.
Letter was copied to DES.

DES are now taking the lead
on providing a draft reply,
in consultation with the FCO.

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From the Private Secretary

8 September 1986

CONFERENCE OF HIGH LEVEL EXPERTS ON EDUCATION

I enclose a copy of a letter to the Prime Minister from Mr. Nakasone, following up the proposal which he made at the Tokyo Economic Summit for a conference on education.

I should be grateful if you would prepare a draft reply in conjunction with the Department of Education and Science.

I am copying this letter to Rob Smith (Department of Education and Science).

(C.D. POWELL)

Colin Budd, Esq.,
Foreign and Commonwealth Office.

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From the Private Secretary

10 October 1986

The Prime Minister was very glad to receive the letter of 25 August from Mr. Nakasone asking her to nominate through diplomatic channels representatives for the conference of high level experts on education in Japan in January 1987. This is to confirm our nominations for the conference:

Mr N B W Thompson
Under Secretary
Schools 2 Branch
Department of Education and Science
Elizabeth House
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Dr Gareth Howell
Controller
Science Technology and Education Division
British Council
10 Spring Gardens
London SW1A 2BN

It would be helpful if in due course, the detailed arrangements for the conference could be sent direct to these experts.

(C. D. POWELL)

His Excellency Mr Toshio Yamazaki

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FROM THE SECRETARY OF STATE

C D Powell Esq
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Dear Charter

Thank you for your letter of 8 September enclosing a copy of a letter to the Prime Minister from Mr Nakasone following up the proposal which he made at the Tokyo Economic Summit for a Conference on Education.

Having consulted the FCO, we think we should be represented at this conference and wish to nominate Mr N B W Thompson, Under Secretary, Schools 2 Branch of this Department and Dr Gareth Howell, Controller, Science Technology and Education Division at the British Council (10 Spring Gardens, London SW1A 2BN). The Japanese Embassy has been in touch with us separately about the arrangements for the conference and we have given them these two names on an informal basis. The letter to the Prime Minister asks for nominations to be sent through diplomatic channels and I think it would be right for you now to send the names formally to the Japanese Ambassador in London as follows:

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Please do me a letter to be

9 October 1986

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I am copying this letter to Colin Budd (FCO).

Yours sincerely

Alison Kennedy

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Private Secretary

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