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| **Israel National Defense College** |  |

*April 22nd, 2020*

***Col. Yasunori Hiramitsu***

***Defence Attache'***

***Embassy of Japan in Israel***

Dear Col. Hiramitsu,

We are in a complex time, full with uncertainty. We pray for the recovery of all patients, and a quick return to routine.

I am writing in order to inform you that despite the challenging period, we are in the process of preparing for the next school year at the National Defense College. In this regards, we are making all the necessary arrangements to open the school year as planned on September 2nd, 2020.

We truly hope that Japan will be in a position to send a student for the next school year, and if so, I would like to request that, as much as possible, the officer will arrive in Israel at the beginning of July. This will give him/her ample time for 14 days in quarantine, as we plan to begin the summer (preparation) course for the international participants towards the end of July.

I would appreciate it if you could keep me informed regarding your decision. Please feel free to contact me with any question you may have.

Best regards,

**Merav Zafary-Odiz  
Chief Instructor**