Dear Friends,

The East Asian Languages and Cultures program at UMass Amherst is celebrating its fiftieth anniversary during the next academic year. Over this past half century, the program has served nearly a thousand students, who subsequently launched their careers as translators, diplomats, international businesspeople, and academics. And we will continue supporting anyone who wants to take on the challenge of Chinese, Japanese, or Korean and open the door to a dynamic and crucially important region of the world.

To celebrate this milestone and chart our course for the next half-century, we are planning a big reunion for Spring 2020, when we hope to establish a fund to sponsor various student support programs, such as internship aid and translation contests. We will also host several Asian cultural events, including a film screening, musical performances, art exhibits, and a calligraphy workshop, so that people in the greater community can also join us in celebrating our fifty years of promoting East Asian cultures in the New England region and beyond.

To sponsor these Spring 2020 events, we are hoping to raise $10,000 through #UMassGives. Please consider making a contribution on April 29 & 30 to help us reach our goal.

Thanks!

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