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Mr. John Smith
Lab Manager, Land O' Lakes Food Corp.
125 Arden Road
Arden Hills, MN 55414

Dear Mr. Smith,

I am writing to express my interest in the lab position that you have available on your research team to which I was referred to you through my internship manager Bob Daniels. After working with Mr. Daniels as part of an internship conducted at Land O' Lakes he referred me to you as a potential extension of my working experience here at Land O' Lakes. And from Mr. Daniels referral became extremely interested in pursuing a position working with you on one of your projects as a lab technician.

While working as an intern in the crops protection lab at Land O' Lakes I was informed about the work and research you have been conducting on alternative soil and agriculture processes. I have held a keen interest in alternative agriculture processes all throughout my college career and have worked with several projects dealing with crop and soil sciences. I have hopes to pursue a career in the field of urban farming and alternative agriculture and the research that you and your team have been conducting show extreme promise in the field.

I have had extensive experience working in both a lab setting as well as on many different types of research projects. My most recent experience has been to work with the integrated Wheat and Barley Mycotoxin Project at the University of Minnesota. There I was employed as a lab technician working with different strains of wheat and barley sent in from around the country and derivatizing them to be tested for levels of various mycotoxins. This job I believe is very similar to some of the research you are conducting at the moment. I believe that my extensive experience working in the plant pathology labs at the University of Minnesota as well as the nanotechnology labs at the University of Texas at Dallas as well as my experience as both a researcher and a lab technician, which are detailed in my resume, make me a good fit for your team. Enclosed is my resume which summarizes my work experience as a lab technician as well as my other experiences abroad and in school.

I look forward to being able to meet with you to discuss your research as well as a potential position working with you on some of your current projects. I plan to call you within the next two weeks to answer any questions you may have for me. I can be reached before then at (314)660-5647. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Thomas Kido

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Education:

University of Minnesota, St. Paul, Minnesota

- *College of Food, Agriculture and Natural Resource Sciences [Expected Graduation, May, 2013]*
- *Bachelor of Science in Food Science; minor in Biology; Upper Division Honors [GPA: 3.65]*

Vines High School '07-'09

QSI International School of Shekou '09 -'11 (Graduated with an IB Diploma)

Extracurricular Activities

Church

- April 2010 : Participated in mission trip to Cambodia
- 2005 – 2009 : Participant of 30 Hour Famine with the church youth group in Texas during which took part in several volunteer projects in the community.
- Led several fundraising events to raise money for mission trips or church funds

Whiz Quiz/ Knowledge Bowl

- 2009 – District qualifiers, Vines High school White Team. Was the teams compositional director
- 2010 – 2nd place team in school tournament, vice-captain
- 2011 – team captain of the top ranked team overall in the QSI tournament

Music

- Was a member of several top ranking orchestras in middle and high schools

- Was a member of both the GDYO and CTYO orchestras as a cellist
- An avid pianist and guitarist
- Performed a piano solo at the annual CSE Leadership Dinner '11