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Greeting to the members of the JALT Other Languages
Special Interest Group and conference attendees,

As a member of the Board of Directors of JALT, I am often
chided about how the organization often overlooks the needs
of instructors teaching languages other than English.

Thankfully, JALT has the OLE SIG who has tirelessly worked
on improving the experiences of all non-English instructors
and learners. Over the years, with speakers and learners of
Spanish, French, German, Portuguese, Chinese, Korean, to
name but a few, this SIG has continuously put on quality
events throughout Japan and in particular, their high level
participation at the JALT national conference.

JALT is able to call itself an association for all languages
because of the good work of the OLE SIG. On behalf of the
JALT Board of Directors, I wish to extend my best wishes for a
successful conference. I would also like to acknowledge the
hardworking conference team for setting up a valuable
resource for teachers of other languages in Japan.

Warm regards,

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