Dear Tazaki foundation,

I am So Ando, a fourth-year undergraduate student at The University of Tokyo, also a member of the GLP-GEfIL Program. I am honoured to express my deepest gratitude for the scholarship you provided that allowed me to attend the Pembroke Summer Programme at the University of Cambridge.

Thanks to the generous support of the Tazaki Foundation, I had the opportunity to study at Pembroke College, the third-oldest college in Cambridge. The six-week program allowed me to take The Economics of Growth and Development in the first half, where I studied theories such as Rostow's five stages of growth, Baran's dependency model, and Solow's growth models. In the second half, I took Industrial Organization and Economics of Information, where I learned how firms compete, set prices, design products, and how these decisions affect markets, welfare, and regulation. I also enjoyed engaging in small-group seminars that encouraged deep discussions, including on problem-solving in mathematics.

Beyond academics, one of the most rewarding aspects of the program was meeting international students from top universities worldwide. Interacting with them broadened my horizons and gave me valuable insights into how future global leaders view today's challenges, which I believe will greatly benefit my future career. The historic libraries, beautiful colleges, and peaceful parks of Cambridge created a perfect backdrop for this experience.

Participating in the Pembroke Summer Programme was a rewarding experience, and I owe this opportunity to the generous support of the Tazaki Foundation. Since my early days of learning English with the Cambridge Dictionary, I had dreamed of studying at Cambridge. This programme allowed that dream to come true. The knowledge I acquired and the perspectives I gained have been invaluable for both my academic growth and personal development. This experience will continue to guide my future studies and career path, and I remain sincerely thankful for making such an unforgettable journey possible.

Yours Sincerely,
So Ando