

## A farewell note

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by David Farrah

As I bow out—and deeply down—there’s much to be grateful for: my steadfast colleagues and university staff, Kobe City, students, my office with its large window and view of the mountain. And I could go on. But rather than allowing my pen to slip into sentiment (a weakness of mine), I would, instead, like to leave you with the following haiku, which is, perhaps, with its seasonal mix, appropriate to the occasions of both retirement and renewal:

*Then*

*there was a falling  
of cherry blossoms and snow  
a fading away*

*Early April 2022*

With heartfelt gratitude to all,

David Farrah