

## **Testimonial of Yoko Kimura- JAPAN**

### **Why did you choose Edmonds Community College?**

I chose EdCC because I thought the one-year horticultural therapy certificate program would suit me. I had also met someone who had graduated from EdCC in the horticultural therapy certificate program. I am now doing a Master's degree majoring Horticultural Therapy at Kansas State University.

### **Did you like the ESL and college classes?**

I took ESL classes for two quarters. It was a great time for me to improve my English. Instructors were very open and some of them gave me a lot of advice outside of class. I prepared for the Horticultural Therapy certificate program and I think that it is a very good program. The best part was the very kind friends, classmates, and instructors who always helped me and cheered me up. The classes I took changed my perception of life. The experiences opened my eyes wider than they were before and it is helping me now to create research ideas.

### **What do you especially like about Edmonds Community College?**

I think EdCC is a good school for international students to start out at. Edmonds is in a very safe area and I never felt danger. Transportation was great; wherever I wanted to go, I could use buses. I also loved the writing center at EdCC, and it was very helpful.

### **What are your future goals?**

I am planning to propose my research next semester and conduct a study at the end of the next semester. I hope my thesis will be done by the end of the next year. I would like to thank the people who helped me come to Kansas: I would not have come without their advice and prodding.