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Abiko's responsibilities in both programs are significant -- she interviews all students, helps steer them toward the program most appropriate for their interests and career goals, mentors them through the application process, and helps them with practical arrangements such as financing. After the students have departed for Japan, her job continues -- she keeps in touch with them by e-mail, and provides advice, as needed, on how to handle unexpected cultural situations. Abiko also serves as the contact person for the Japanese students at Oakland University. She locates the host-families who provide the students with housing when the residence halls are closed during holidays, and serves as their adviser and counselor on academic and personal matters while they are at Oakland University.

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