

**RETIREMENT OF TOMOKO KATO  
DEPARTMENT OF MODERN LANGUAGES & LITERATURES**

Tomoko Kato received her B.A. in 1979 from Kwansai Gakuin University in Hyogo, Japan, with a major in Sociology. She earned her M.A. in Teaching English as a Second Language (TESL) from The Pennsylvania State University in 1997. Ms. Kato joined the faculty of William & Mary in 2000 as a Visiting Instructor of Japanese in the Department of Modern Languages & Literatures and was promoted to Senior Lecturer in 2014. Her teaching and service to the Japanese program, her department, and the university have been an inspiration to students and colleagues alike.

Ms. Kato has played an important role in the success of William & Mary's Japanese program. She served as Interim Director of the Japanese Program for the 2013-2014 academic year, was Japanese Language House advisor from 2006 to 2009, and trained and supervised undergraduate teaching assistants for Japanese for many years.

The Japanese program has benefited immensely from Ms. Kato's innovative content-based course design. Her many courses for advanced students include Washoku: Japanese Food Culture, Culture of Nuclear Fascination, and Media Genji. For these courses, she regularly collected and produced her own teaching materials, because little is available in the way of textbooks at the advanced level. She also shared the insights she gained from designing these courses with colleagues in the department and at national and international academic conferences. She has also supervised numerous independent studies and Monroe Scholar projects, and served on two honors thesis committees (2007, 2017).

The Department of Modern Languages & Literatures is immensely grateful to Ms. Kato for her leadership in language teaching at William & Mary and are confident that her many efforts will continue to benefit students, faculty, and the department for years to come.

**BE IT RESOLVED**, That the Board of Visitors acknowledges the retirement of Tomoko Kato; expresses its deep appreciation for her 23 years of service; and approves a change in status from Senior Lecturer of Modern Languages & Literatures to Senior Lecturer of Modern Languages & Literatures, Emerita.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, That this resolution be spread upon the minutes of the Board and a copy delivered to Ms. Kato with best wishes from a grateful Board for her years of dedicated service to William & Mary.