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## **Malvern College appoints Founding Head for new Tokyo school**

Malvern College Tokyo is delighted to announce the appointment of Mike Spencer as the Founding Head, effective August 2022.

Mike is an exceptional, student-centred, values-driven international educator with more than two decades of senior school leadership experience, gained in a range of outstanding schools in the UK, Hong Kong, Shanghai, India, and Mozambique. Mike holds a M.Ed. in Educational Leadership and Management from The University of Bristol, UK. He is a trained school evaluator and Team Chair for the Council of International Schools and is also experienced in the accreditation and authorisation of international school programmes. Prior to taking up post in Tokyo, Mike will be working as Head of University Relations and Teacher Development at Malvern College International.

“After an extensive selection process, we found Mr. Spencer to be the outstanding candidate,” explained Ms. Jacqueline So, Co-Founder and Chief Executive, Malvern College International (Asia Pacific). “Mike has a strong background in both establishing and leading international and dual language curriculum schools in diverse cultural settings. He is also highly skilled in managing the accreditation, implementation, and development of a range of international and local curricula, and in establishing residential programmes for pupils aged 11-18. We are confident that Mr. Spencer will provide excellent leadership for our new school and will contribute significantly to the Malvern community,”

Mr Spencer commented: “I am delighted to be appointed the Founding Head of Malvern College Tokyo”. ‘Learning is a social activity and should therefore be characterised by high-quality communication and interaction. My vision is to promote and build cross-cultural understanding and international perspectives in a positive environment where all pupils will thrive. I look forward to bringing this belief and my experiences to serve the learning and pastoral needs of both pupils and staff and to deliver success for our exciting new school.’”

### **About Malvern College Tokyo**

Malvern College Tokyo (MCT), scheduled to open in September 2023, is Malvern’s seventh overseas school. Located in Kodaira, a 40-minute commute from central Tokyo, MCT aims to be the leading international school and the first British-branded all-through IB school in Tokyo. The school will share the ethos of its parent institution, Malvern College UK, and will initially accommodate pupils from Years 1 to 9, growing to provide 950 places for both primary and secondary pupils up to Year 13.

