

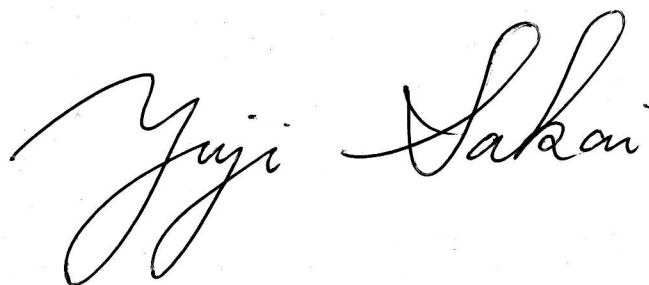
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A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Yuji Sakai". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style. The first name "Yuji" is written with a large, sweeping 'Y' and 'j'. The last name "Sakai" is written with a large, sweeping 'S' and 'k'. The signature is positioned in the center of the page, below the contact information.