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Dear Board members, FIAT-IFTA

First of all, we offer the condolences and sympathies over the victims of the corona virus of the world. We hope the spread of virus will decrease near future. Now is when we really need to stick together. So we would like to share information about the corona virus among FIAT-IFTA members.

Today we inform you of very important announcement regarding next world convention of FIAT-IFTA in Yokohama, 2020. As the corona virus outbreak continues to spread, more events globally are being canceled or postponed. The World Health Organization (WHO) has declared a pandemic over the COVID-19 virus, which has sickened more than 190,000 people in about 160 countries and territories, with more than 7,700 deaths as of this morning. The governments of many countries have now officially announced that they strongly advise to the citizens not to travel if not really necessary.

FIAT-IFTA and All Japan Funeral Directors Co-operation have prepared for the world convention in Yokohama for a long time. However, corona virus has spread all over the world and the patient are increasing remarkably. We held board meeting on March 18. We discussed the world convention in Yokohama at the top of the agenda. As a result, we decided to postpone the convention next year. This is a difficult decision for us, but we have our great responsibility to all the participants' health and security.

The new dates of the world convention will be announced in the upcoming days, as soon as they will be available. We trust you will understand the seriousness of the situation and the inevitability of the choices described above, please receive our best regards.

Best regards,

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