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Important Notification from the IATSS Forum

Thank you for your continuous support of the activities of the IATSS Forum.

We hope that this letter finds you well.

The new variant, Omicron, has been spreading rapidly in the world these days. When the pandemic of COVID-19 began in 2020, we never imagined that we would be unable to hold the IATSS Forum program for this long. We just wish that this pandemic will be stamped out soon and we can all have our lives back.

Today, we have the following important notifications from the IATSS Forum.

- 1. Cancellation of the IATSS Forum spring program 2022**
- 2. IATSS Forum Office Moving**
- 3. IATSS Forum Facility Farewell Event**

1. Cancellation of the IATSS Forum spring program 2022

We are very sorry to announce that the IATSS Forum Steering Committee has decided to cancel the IATSS Forum spring program 2022.

As emergency precautionary measure against COVID-19 variant Omicron, new entry of foreign nationals are currently suspended by the Japanese government. This measure will remain in effect at least until the end of February. The application and issuance of VISAs to Japan have also been suspended. The duration of this suspension is unknown at this moment.

Due to these conditions, we regret that we have to cancel the IATSS Forum spring program 2022.

We hope that we have your understanding on this.

2. IATSS Forum Office Moving

As you know, the IATSS Forum facility has been located in the Suzuka Circuit Hotel since the establishment of the IATSS Forum in 1985. Due to the ageing of the building, the Suzuka Circuit Hotel has decided to close the building where the IATSS Forum facility was located. Due to this, we have to relocate the IATSS Forum office as well as the program facility outside of the Suzuka Circuit Hotel.

As for the new office, we are moving to the following address in April 2022.

The location of New Office of the IATSS Forum Secretariat:

Sun Green Ejima bldg., 17-8 Nakaejim , Suzuka, Mie Pref. 510-0236

The above new office has office facilities and meeting rooms but no accommodation. As for the IATSS Forum program, we will be using facilities nearby to accommodate IATSS Forum participants.

3. IATSS Forum Facility Farewell Event

We have welcomed more than 1,000 alumni members of the IATSS Forum at the current facility in the Suzuka Circuit Hotel for the last 36 years. Many of us who have been involved in the IATSS Forum program have quite a few memories of this facility and may feel sentimental about losing the facility.

It would be best if we could invite you here to hold a commemorative event to say farewell to our facility properly. Taking into consideration the current pandemic situation, we are planning to hold a small ceremony, inviting limited people such as IATSS president, the members of IATSS Forum Steering Committee, and IATSS members.

The date of the facility farewell event will be on March 29th (Tue) at 2:00 PM to 3:00 PM (Japan Time). For those who wish to participant in the event remotely, we are going to broadcast it live online on YouTube, so please join us. For those who wish to view the event later at their convenience, we are going to upload the recorded video online on YouTube as well. For access to the live event or recorded video, we are going to share the YouTube link and information on our webpage soon.

Please check our webpage out. :<https://www.iatssforum.jp/en/>



If you have any questions about the above event, please contact the person in charge, Mr. Yoshiki Tamata (tamata.y@iatss.or.jp).

It is our sincere wish to meet you all in person as soon as the pandemic is over.

Thank you very much for your understanding and support as always.

Best Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Michisuke Amano', positioned above a horizontal line.

Michisuke Amano
General Manager
IATSS Forum