



MIE PREFECTURAL GOVERNMENT

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Dear Canada Artistic Swimming Team

I hope this correspondence finds you well.

I would like to thank you for the visit to Mie last April for the pre-training camp. I cherish the wonderful memory that you exchanged with the junior athletes, children and many local citizens during the camp.

However I am worried the new Coronavirus (COVID-19) might have brought great anxiety and frustration to the world's athletes. If your team faces the negative influence, it is especially a big concern of mine.

Also I am surprised at the news by the Canadian Olympic Committee and Canadian Paralympic Committee as they announced Team Canada will not send athletes if Tokyo 2020 Games is scheduled in July. I regret the cancelation as we were passionate to welcome your camp once again at the time.

I believe the right decision will be soon made on the hosting of the Tokyo Olympic. We would like you all to visit Mie for the pre-training camp in case the game schedule is postponed to the right time. We will provide the best support to your team to enter the tournament in the best condition.

I wish we will be able to meet again soon in the right time. As I once said, we would like to continue the long-lasting exchange over the Olympic Games.

Sincerely yours,

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Governor
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