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To Whom It May Concern

Notification of the Cancellation of SANIX Cup U-17 International Handball Tournament 2020

Dear Friends,

We sincerely hope that this letter finds you safe amid the epidemic. Thank you for your continuous support for our projects.

Although the state of emergency, imposed by the spread of the Novel Coronavirus, has been lifted, it is still requested that non-residents of Fukuoka Prefecture, the venue of the above-mentioned tournament, refrain from crossing the prefectural boundary.

As the viral infection and the resulting various critical circumstances show no signs of closure and it is paramount to prepare for a second and third onslaught of the epidemic, it is not possible for both overseas and domestic participants to secure the environment necessary for training, and following the cancellation of various tournaments, a satisfying level of performance cannot be guaranteed.

In view of the above, we have decided to cancel the organization of the above-mentioned tournament, not only in order to prevent the spread of the disease, but also placing first the safety of all tournament participants.

It is a decision taken with heavy hearts, as we can imagine the pain to be suffered by every single player who continues training hard by themselves as it is difficult to get together with teammates, and secure training venues and hours, and by all officials who have supported them, by all players` families and the local Fukuoka Prefecture Handball Association and Fukuoka Prefecture High Schools Athletic Association Handball Section who have been working towards the organization of the event, and by everybody else who has been involved in it, but made in order to prioritize the health and safety of all overseas and domestic U-17 players and officials.

We sincerely appreciate your kind understanding of the matter.

Yours, sincerely

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