

Dear FAWA Sisters and all persons concerned,

We hope this letter finds you and your members well and safe.

The dark clouds of the Covid-19 virus pandemic on Earth haven't cleared up yet, however at this time, we would like to express our sincere gratitude for your deep friendship and support for FAWA Japan.

Since the President of Issatsu No Kai, Akiko Otsuki, was elected the FAWA International President at the 2018 Convention, the planning committee, under Akiko's leadership, has been working hard towards the 24th FAWA Convention in Japan. Several overseas board members visited Japan and shared valuable advice. We are thankful for their help and the preparations for the Japan Convention have continued to proceed.

While working towards a successful Convention, unfortunately, the Covid-19 world pandemic suddenly appeared. Despite our prayers for suppression, the Covid-19 virus continues to spread all over the world. Many have made sacrifices to contain the spread. Japan is working hard to prevent infections but although the number of domestic infections is decreasing, new clusters are emerging and this is not promising for the prospect of international exchange activities.

Under these circumstances and considering each and everyone's health and safety as the utmost importance, we proposed to the board members the postponement of the Convention. Obtaining unanimous consent, and with a heavy heart, we are announcing the postponement of the March 2021 Japan FAWA International Convention to Fall 2022.

We will continue to carefully monitor the medical and economic trends of Covid-19 and consider the exact time when meetings can be held.

In the post-corona era, various changes will come and we will have to face new challenges. We will be asked to carefully discuss the required Convention content and reorganize the themes, workshops and programs.

Once again, we would like to thank all FAWA sisters, our observers and guests, for your understanding and we sincerely hope and pray for your health and the safety of your families.

All the best,

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