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To: Representatives of KIF member countries in Europe and Asia

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## Notice Regarding the Europe and Asia Kudo Cup

I regret to announce some unfortunate news regarding the Europe and Asia Kudo Cup, which was scheduled to take place in Georgia.

The attacks on Iran by the United States and Israel have disrupted air travel through the Middle East. While it is essential for participating nations to exercise the utmost care regarding the safety of their delegations, including junior athletes, there are significant concerns compared to normal circumstances, including cancellation and potential delays to scheduled flights.

Although the situation may have stabilized in three months, it will likely become difficult to arrange airline tickets for the delegations. The uncertainty regarding which athletes will compete is likely to pose a major obstacle to the tournament's organization.

After consulting with the Georgian Kudo Federation (GKF), the KIF has decided to cancel the Europe and Asia Kudo Cup.

Instead, KIF and Daidojuku are considering sending instructors to Georgia to hold a Kudo seminar during the same time period as the planned tournament. We will discuss this matter with GKF and provide further details from GKF at a later date.

While it is very unfortunate that the tournament has been canceled, the Azuma Cup is scheduled to take place as an international tournament in Vladivostok, Russia, on May 30. Although participation from countries other than Russia is limited to adults, there are flights to Vladivostok via Beijing, so I hope to see an increase in participants from Asian countries.

Yours sincerely,



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