Message from the Mayor Regarding a Revision in the Course of Action for Public Institutions and City-Sponsored Businesses (May 15th 2020)

To all citizens,

Regarding the prevention of the Coronavirus's spread, all citizens and business have been under much restraint over this long period. Restraint's such as: restrain from leaving one's residence, restraint from holding events, and limiting one's use of public institutions; all of which has caused many inconveniences. Thanks to everyone's understanding and actions, we have determined that is Kameoka not experiencing an explosive spread of the virus, in which I would like to express my deep gratitude for your cooperation during this period.

The rescindment of the Coronavirus policy related Special Measure Act's "State of Emergency Declaration" will be postponed for Osaka Prefecture, Hyogo Prefecture and the unified economic bloc that forms Kyoto Prefecture. Yet, the situation requires ongoing coordination from the "Special Administrative Divisions of Japan". On the other hand, Kyoto Prefecture will act on a fixed standard. With the current trend continuing on the decline, policies that were implemented to reduce the virus's spread, such as businesses being requested to close or operate at restricted times, will gradually be alleviated.

As for Kameoka, on top of taking measures through virus prevention policies, public facilities will begin to reopen. However, we must not waiver in how we conduct our social lives. Just as it has been done up until until this point, public facilities must thoroughly prevent 3Cs situations (closed place, crowded spaces, close-contact settings), collect the contact information and health status of event participants, maintain social distancing, have proper airflow in rooms, wash hands, use disinfectant, wear masks and limit operating hours. I request that every individual take into maximum consideration the ways in which they can prevent the spread of the virus.

As we continue our policies aimed at preventing the spread of the virus, the livelihood of citizens and the stimulation of inevitably reduced regional economic activities, are both very urgent issues for us. We however must not allow the virus to spread again, even once the sense of danger starts to fade.

With safety and security as the top priorities, Kameoka will do everything in its power to reduce the risk of infection, and bring back the lifestyles of citizens and businesses alike. I thank you all for your continued understanding and cooperation.

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