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To Representatives of KIF member countries

Just four days ago, I announced through the previous News that it will be carefully deciding whether or not to hold the World KUDO Championships scheduled for May as the situation became more complicated. It is expected that COVID-19's restrictions on entry into Japan will be relaxed through May, but the outlook is extremely uncertain due to new negative factors caused by Russia's invasion of Ukraine.

The executive committee of the All Japan KUDO Federation, the organizer of the World KUDO Championships, has proposed to the KIF Board to postpone the 6th World KUDO Championships and the 3rd World KUDO Junior Championships until June next year.

Although it was an urgent proposal, I have received agreement responses from 9 of the 11 board members so far. I haven't received responses from the other two directors yet, but I report that it has been decided to postpone it practically.

It is very disappointing, but I hope that by postponing the World KUDO Championships by one year, athletes from as many countries as possible will be able to participate. Please forgive me for the confusion as it was a World Championships planned under unprecedented circumstances.

The World KUDO Championships will be postponed, but when restrictions of international traffic will be relaxed in the future, KIF and Daido-Juku will actively help holding international seminars in your countries even before the World Championships.

I pray for your health, and pray the safety of Ukrainian companions.

Acting Head Director of KIF
Hideaki TAKAHASHI