

Announcement from the ETAT Executive Committee Chairman

At the meeting of the heads of the ETAT Executive Committee today, General Director Mr Kiagawa Fram, Vice-Chairperson and Mayor of Tsunan Town Ms Kuwahara and myself have made the decision to postpone the Echigo-Tsumari Art Triennale 2021.

Until today we have been preparing artworks and setting out COVID-19 measures in order to deliver ETAT2021 as an alternative festival for the post-pandemic era. However, in view of the ongoing spread of COVID-19 across Japan and the sudden increase in the number of infections in Tokamachi City, we have come to the conclusion that it is necessary to postpone the festival in order to keep residents, visitors and those involved with the festival safe, as well as to limit the spread of the virus.

As vaccination for COVID-19 has started to be implemented in Japan, we expect that we will be able to secure a safer environment in the near future. That is why we believe that it is best to postpone the dates of the festival to a safer time.

The decision of new dates will be made carefully and appropriately as the pandemic is contained. We appreciate your understanding on this matter.

We will continue our preparations steadily during this period brought about by the postponement so that we will be able to deliver the festival to those who are looking forward to it, and we very much appreciate your continued support.

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Mayor of Tokamachi City and ETAT Executive Committee Chairman