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Dear members

We'd like to inform you about "Kanazawa a cappella • town 2010" which will be held on 21st (Sat) of August for the first time.

Under the theme of "a cappella for all", around 400 people, 78 a cappella groups are coming from all over Japan. This is an event that people can enjoy the "a cappella" everywhere in the city throughout the day.

Around the time of the Edo Period (1603-1868), Creative City of Kanazawa produced very distinctive traditional performance arts which still lives in these times. For example, "Kanazawa-Subayashi" is a music which uses some music instruments of traditional Japanese music and dance. "Kaga-housyou" is one kind of Noh play. Noh play used to be popular with the general public and carpenters and gardeners hummed while they were working. So, people used to say "Sound of Noh chants pour down from the sky".

The sound of "a cappella" will be heard across the historical townscape of Kanazawa on that day.

Creative City of Kanazawa lays great stress on Music such as activities of "Orchestra Ensemble Kanazawa"; a joint event with Nancy (France), "La Folle Journee" and "Kanazawa Jazz Street" which has just started last year. These music events vitalize the city and provide citizens and tourists with valuable opportunities to get close to various cultures.

We continue setting a high value on the traditional, cultural art activities that are rooted in the region and also promoting new activities such as "a cappella • town" to stimulate the culture and improve the quality of life.

I wish you all the best and success more and more.

Yours sincerely

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