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Dear members

As we mentioned before, on October 15th, the World Creative City Forum was held on the theme of “Industrializing on Culture by strategic development of the Messe”. We adopted the “Kanazawa Agenda for further Cooperation among Creative Cities through the Messe” and end the forum successfully.

Thank you very much for your cooperation and understanding.
Creative City of Kanazawa will continue to work on various projects and contribute our efforts to the development of the Creative Cities Network for the future. We wish to express our heartfelt appreciation for the wonderful presentations and the cooperation of representatives from Montreal, Shanghai and Seoul.

We’ d like to inform that Kanazawa Yasue Gold Leaf Museum was moved on October 5th and the new museum is now open.

Kanazawa Yasue Gold Leaf Museum was established in 1974 in North Yasue, Kanazawa but now moved to Higashiyama, Kanazawa after considering the number of tourist and active gold leaf craftsmen.

This museum presents you technique and culture of “Kanazawa Gold Leaf” which is one of the traditional craft traces back to Edo period (1603-1867). Kanazawa now accounts for about 99% of Japan’ s gold leaf production.

Besides sections of history, method and tools for Gold Leaf, there are hands-on section and exhibition of a folding screen and ceramic works which use gold leaf lavishly.

Kanazawa Gold Leaf is one of main traditional industry in Kanazawa but a quantity for dispatch is on the decrease due to low-hanging dark clouds covered the market of Buddhist Home Altars which is in great demand of gold leaf. For this reason, we established Institute for the Promotion of Kanazawa Gold Leaf Techniques on the 3rd floor to support the gold leaf producing center, develop new techniques and market.

We very much hope you will honor us with a visit.

<http://www.kanazawa-museum.jp/kinpaku/>

The Creative City of Craft, Kanazawa makes even greater efforts to promote the industrializing on culture and train the guardians of creation.

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

Yours sincerely

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