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Dear Members of the Creative City Network,

The City of Kanazawa continues its on-going construction of the rental studio project: “The Kanazawa Machiya Craftsmen Studio”. By next month the gallery studio is scheduled to open. The city aims to support self-sufficiency among young crafts artisans by establishing these rental studios. This project strives to publicize the foundations of traditional Japanese craft both abroad and within Japan. The original building for “The Kanazawa Machiya Craftsmen Studio” was built at the end of the Shogunate era as a merchant house close to the city center. Recently, it underwent renovations and is currently leased to promising young aritisans and craftsmen at minimal costs. The studio is open to the public and visitors can watch the craftsmen work, in addition to trying out the art of engraving metal.

We offer our best wishes towards your successful activities and continued good health,

Creative City Kanazawa Promotion Office, Japan

