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Dear Members of the Creative City Network,

Last year was a wonderful year for Kanazawa as it was accepted into the UNESCO Creative City Network. However, this was not the final goal, but rather the start as the city plans to continue with its efforts.

Are you aware of the classical music festival, La Folle Journée, which originated in Nantes, France? Japan's traditional music like "Ohayashi" persists in Kanazawa to this day, but the Orchestra Ensemble Kanazawa (OEK) has existed for over twenty years as well. With OEK taking a central role, La Folle Journée Kanazawa will commence its third time this year. During the music festival people can enjoy classical music casually while navigating through the numerous venues across the city. It has already established itself as a spring event for Kanazawa. If you have an opportunity, please visit Kanazawa during the festival, which runs from April 29<sup>th</sup> (Thurs, Holiday) to May 5<sup>th</sup>, (Wed, Holiday).

With that, we offer our best wishes towards your successful activities and continued good health.

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