

February 12, 2020

Mr. Bernard Oosterom
President
International Association of Horticulture Producers (AIPH)

Dear Mr. Oosterom,

We highly appreciate the significance of the World Horticultural Exhibitions and other AIPH activities that reaffirm the value of greenery in this era.

In Japan, we still recall the tremendous success of the World Horticultural Exhibition held in Tsurumi Ryokuchi Park, Osaka in 1990, which was the first A1 class event of this kind to be held in Asia.

The city of Yokohama is now preparing to host a World Horticultural Exhibition in 2027. Adopting the theme of "Scenery of The Future for Happiness," the event would be held on the site of the former Kamiseya communication facility, which was returned to Japan in 2015. The city of Yokohama also promises to comply with the AIPH Regulations relating to A1 World Horticultural Exhibitions.

The Japanese government's Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries and Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism recognize the significance of hosting the Exhibition in Yokohama with government involvement. We have high regard for the potential of the Exhibition to present models for delivering on the UN Sustainable Development Goals, green infrastructure, revitalization of agriculture and rural areas through promotion of flower and gardening culture, and much more.

With this letter, the Government of Japan formally declares its support for hosting the A1 class World Horticultural Exhibition 2027 in Yokohama.

Sincerely yours,

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Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries of Japan

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Minister of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism