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### Postponement Announcement of the 8<sup>th</sup> Karatedo Gojukai Global Championships Japan 2022

Representatives of I.K.G.A Branches,

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It is reassuring to know those representatives of International Karatedo Goujkai Branches, its instructors, and members of IKGA are fighting against the spread of COVID-19 and putting security measures on their own terms. We understand everyone is patient during the time when the international events were canceled and some had to be done in a much smaller scale over the past 2 years.

Tokyo Olympics and Paralympics 2020 seem to be held in 2021 rather forcibly after it has been postponed once last year. However, IKGA President Council has decided to postpone the 8<sup>th</sup> Karatedo Gojukai Global Championships Japan 2022 once again in response to the hosting country's request.

It is truly an unfortunate decision but we find it hard to hold the international championships to promote a fair global goodwill exchange that we have been doing until today. We took some global situations into considerations such as the spread of vaccination, flights availability and economic situations in each country.

We strongly encourage each block and countries in IKGA to maintain secure communication among the regions using web seminars and online teaching.

After this pandemic, when we got through this taught time together, we are hoping to plan our IKGA Bloc Tournaments and Global Championships from the bottom of our hearts. Until then, we would like to see our members stay in good health with your peers and enjoy Karate life by accumulating your abilities.

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