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Dear Friends,

Hopefully this message will find you and relatives in good health.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic the ABKF has had to take several very hard decisions in the past days. We cancelled several very important events in our calendar, also the EKF took strong decisions with a large impact on our community. At this moment, we are working to obtain a full refund of the money sent to Norway for the EKC but this is more difficult than expected. More information will be communicated directly to those involved in this matter.

We are again sorry to inform you about a change in the calendar. It concerns the Kendo and Iaido Summer Seminars organized in Auderghem and Louvain-la-Neuve next August.

It is certain that the present situation will have an impact on the way we and our members live and move about in the coming months. We don't even know if the sport facilities will be available in August... Therefore, we decided to reduce these important events drastically. To protect the health of the Japanese teachers, we've asked them to postpone their travel to Europe. They have all agreed and hope to be able to continue to help us in our understanding of practice in the future.

We have decided to change the Summer Seminars into a « Godo Keikokai » or « Common Practice ».

At this moment, the proposed schedule under the guidance of our Kodansha will be as following:

Kendo - Saturday 29/08 at ADEPS Auderghem from 09.30 to 12.00, followed by examinations from 1st kyu up to 5th dan starting at 13.30 and followed by an informal reception (if possible).

Iaido - Sunday 30/08 at ADEPS Louvain-la-Neuve from 09.00 to 12.00, followed by examinations from 1st kyu up to 4th dan starting at 13.30 and followed by an informal reception (if possible).

These trainings will be free of charge and open to all. Subscriptions to the exams must reach ABKF before August 15th 2020. Nobody will be accepted or included after this date...

Warmest regards, take care of your health and of those around you,

On behalf of the "All Belgium Kendo Federation",

S. Hendrickx, ABKF President