

To: All Centers  
From: North American Regional Headquarters  
Regional Director, Masaaki Fujisaki  
Re: 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Autumn Grand Ceremony Tour  
Date: July 22, 2009

Dear members,

Thank you very much for all of your dedicated service every day. As you know, the H1N1 virus (swine flu) is continuing to spread throughout our region and the world. According to a newspaper article published today, as of last week, there have been 303 deaths so far in our region. Our government authorities have not been emphasizing the seriousness of the outbreak as yet. However, in Japan they are taking a much more proactive approach.

Takayama is a very well-known tourist area in Japan, and, to date, there have been no cases of swine flu there. For this reason, the local government is very concerned that people visiting from other countries may bring the virus with them. Already, they have set up thermography stations before people enter Suza and their temperature is taken. Also, as you know from the acting Oshienushisama's teachings, almost everyone is wearing a mask at ceremonies.

The biggest concern is that the possible second wave of this influenza may be much more serious when the cold weather comes to the Northern Hemisphere this fall. World headquarters is cooperating very well with the local and national health agencies, and to date they are quite pleased with Sukyo Mahikari's precautionary measures.

We would like to let you know that if, indeed, things become more serious, the authorities in Japan may issue travel restrictions and we may not be able to participate in the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Autumn Grand Ceremony. Of course, we all know that it is God who decides whether we are permitted to attend a ceremony or not, and we always hope that we will be allowed. This is a wonderful opportunity for us to realize this even more deeply and to do our best to prepare spiritually, mentally, and physically with the hope and prayer that we will be permitted to participate.

Due to these circumstances, we will extend the deadline for cancellation to August 10, 2009. Anyone who wishes to cancel can receive their refund of \$500.00 if they submit their cancellation notice by August 10<sup>th</sup>. We have no information at this point as to how much can be refunded if the entire tour is cancelled. We will keep you updated as information becomes available from Japan.

Again, let us do our best to prepare with the prayer that the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Autumn Grand Ceremony may be carried out successfully. Thank you very much.