

## *Bonds of Fukiya*

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### **New Year Message from Chairman**

**Happy New Year! May this be a happy and fruitful year!**

Year 2020 had to be a splendid Olympic Year in theory and it would also be a good year for our Sport Wellness Fukiya by participating in Nenrinpic for the first time, in National Athletic Meet and World Masters Games in Kansai as one of the showcase sports. However, it became a very difficult year because of COVID-19 in reality.

I really appreciate all the efforts made by our members, such as, re-starting activities with thorough measures of preventing the infection, participating in meet, taking place a remote competition etc. Furthermore, even in this difficult situation we also had good news that new branches were established in the area where we never had branches, affiliations from overseas countries. Thanks for all of these from the bottom of my heart.

Although this difficult situation is still continuing, we would never die with COVID-19.

Every night comes to an end. Flowers come into bud in spring. Let us think about that now is the time preparing for the future.

In these two months, I met a lot of persons and had the opportunities to exchange opinions. We made the presentation of Sport Wellness Fukiya to major-sized enterprises, made courtesy calls on Mayors of Tama City and Kokubunji City (both of them are supporting parties of Sport Wellness Fukiya), met and exchanged opinions with Certified Public Accountant Firm, Messrs. Ohbuchi and Kawai, Doctor of Medicine, of Tokyo Metropolitan Institute of Gerontology. I also attended the meetings of Northern-Kanto, Kinki, Northern & Southern Kyushu and Tokai Blocs. I also exchanged opinions with some Prefectural General Manager and their Directors, participated in some branch's competition. I felt the enthusiasm for Sport Wellness Fukiya from all of them and realized the current situation of The Association once again and could imagine the vision of our future.

I felt that having the connection with people is the driving force of our thinking and acting. I believe that I could prepare for the future with the powers received from all our members and the persons I met.

It is now indispensable and becomes everyday life to practice with thorough measures of preventing the infection. Let us walk together for the Wellness of ourselves in any way.

**May year 2021 be a happy and fruitful year!**

Best regards,

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