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TO: Nishikigoi dealers and koi enthusiasts

Dear Nishikigoi dealers and koi enthusiasts:

This is Hajime Isa, District Representative of Nishikigoi Shinkokai Niigata district.

We'd like to thank you for your concern at Chuetsu Earthquakes last year, and would also like to express our sympathy to visitors who experienced the Earthquakes.

In Niigata district, at the home of Nishikigoi, most of the breeders are located in Chuetu area. And it happened that this area was the epicenter of the earthquakes. The series of earthquakes hit us so hard that we, Nishikigoi industry received serious damages. But thank you for your support from all over Japan and from the world.

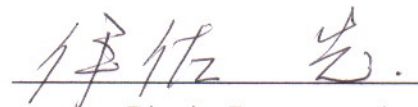
We at Niigata, with the lead of younger generation, are doing our best to produce Nishikigoi, with the help from our government and from local governments. And we hope to produce more than we did before the Earthquakes in two or three years.

So, please come visit us in Niigata and see how we are coming along. Recently, there have been rumors that we had KHV. **There is no KHV in all 132 Niigata district Nishikiogi Shinkokai members.** (as of October 31st) We have been tested by a government official institution, and all test results came out to be KHV negative. We are following the manuals to protect our koi against KHV under supervision of Niigata Prefectural Inland Water Fisheries Experimental Station.

Concerning exports, we have passed EU inspection on production environment, measures on disease preventions, etc... on Aug. 31- Sept. 1st. So, please feel sure and secure and visit us in Niigata.

Sincerely.

Hajime Isa



District Representative,
Niigata District Nishikigoi Shinkokai