

Dear Aikido organizations,

Today I am happy to address you about 12<sup>th</sup> Congress of the International Aikido Federation (IAF) and concomitant events coming in this autumn.

The mass meeting of IAF in every four years will be held from September 26<sup>th</sup> through October 2<sup>nd</sup> this year in Takasaki City, Gunma Prefecture, Japan.

During this period there also will be an International Seminar to be conducted by prominent Aikido instructors of the world and Friendship Demonstrations by many Aikido organizations around the globe as well as Farewell Party.

I expect on this happy occasion to receive as many attendees as possible from overseas and this commemorative event will become an opportunity to expedite furthermore friendship and good relations among the world Aikido practitioners, which may lead to further development of Aikido across the world.

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*(For the event registration and accommodation booking, please check the following link:*

[www.takasaki.aikido-international.org](http://www.takasaki.aikido-international.org))