

## **Greetings from chairman of Interpreter & Guide Committee**

Last year, inbound travelers exceeded 31.19 million reaching a record high. With various measures in place, the government has set a goal of "40 million tourists in 2020." The Tokyo Olympics and Paralympics are scheduled to be held in 2020 and it is expected that the goal will be achieved. Although not all visitors to Japan are traveling as tourists, many will explore a plethora of sightseeing destinations. Topping the list of "must-visit and see" or so-called golden routes to enjoy are shrines and temples, historical sights, cultural facilities and the natural scenery of Tokyo, Nikko, Kamakura, Fuji-Hakone, Kyoto, Nara, Osaka and Hiroshima. This great variety of travel options produces a huge demand on tourism-related services.

To meet this demand, it is reasonable to say that the existing and abundantly available travel products which were created based on past experiences and achievements accumulated to date will be sufficient. On the other hand, the number of returning tourists with plans for more in-depth travel plans in Japan has been increasing, but it is doubtful that travel services in those areas off the beaten path can support that growing influx. There are many areas such as the Japan Alps (which never fail to charm tourists as the Swiss Alps do) and other mountain landscapes or historical and cultural townscapes that exist across the Japanese archipelago that have not been fully used as tourism resources yet. Their full potential has not yet been realized.

With the intention of responding to these growing demands, we, volunteers from the NATIONAL GOVERNMENT LICENSED GUIDE INTERPRETER Group have joined forces to form the ATTENTIVE GUIDES ASSOCIATION. By forming a business alliance with GLOBAL AND TRANSPORT SERVICE Company, we have established an in-land operations infrastructure and created a system capable of delivering more fully-fledged travel products. Member guides in the association not only possess the expertise needed for tourism, but also have deep knowledge in areas related to it. THE ATTENTIVE GUIDES ASSOCIATION is a group of guides with various specialties, including members with a deep understandings not only of shrines and temples, but also of the philosophy of the Shinto and Buddhist religions and how they reflect and shape Japanese culture through the flow of history into modern society. We have posted on the web a variety of travel products that each guide offers with confidence. Please visit our site and explore the opportunities to learn about Japan in a more profound way.



## Greetings from GLOBAL GUIDE & TRANSPORT SERVICE Co., LTD

Hi, everybody. I'm very happy you are browsing this site and hit my greeting. Please stay a little bit here to learn about us. If you are making travel plans coming to Japan, we are surely experts on this theme. It is we who can provide an informative and hottest news for you.

I'm 'Take' and the president of 'GLOBAL GUIDE & TRANSPORT SERVICE Co,. LTD'. After graduating from university, I worked for the leading company in tourism industry for 25 years. In which I learned travel business comprehensively. And that was 6 years ago when I made up my mind to become a Guide-Driver for international visitors. I experienced as a hire driver for 5 years in Tokyo. And I'm full independent Guide-Driver now.

When I first met Mr. Iwamoto, the chairman of Interpreter and Guide Committee, I recognized that the goal we are heading for and the way we are paving to are completely the same ones. He is generous. He is smart. And he is savvy interpreter. Because he turn out to be a veteran interpreter at Tokyo Olympic in 1964.

Now, we are sharing the roles half & half. Iwamoto, the chairman, are activating our business. He also vitalizing the activities. And I, Take, is taking on the site management like the terms & conditions or managerial matters.

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- 1. Click the local area on the Japan Map. And check the information.
- 2. Decide the most favorite tour which the best guide are managing.
- 3. Select the local guide whom you think the best. Especially, in case you have special requests such as technical visit and official visit. They will help you in the time of consecutive or simultaneous interpretations.