



March 27, 2025

Dear Friends and Supporters,

Subject: Appointment of Mitsuhiro Iwata to the Board of Directors

We are pleased to announce the appointment of Mr. Mitsuhiro "Mitsu" Iwata to the Board of Directors of Kumano Shindo General Incorporated Association, effective April 6, 2025.

Mr. Iwata brings a wealth of experience in regional revitalization and next-generation talent development. As the founder and CEO of Mirai Sousei Juku LLC, he has worked extensively with local governments, companies, and community organizations throughout Japan, especially in the Tokai region. His efforts have spanned diverse sectors including education, business incubation, digital transformation, and social innovation.

With Mr. Iwata's appointment, Kumano Shindo looks forward to strengthening our partnerships with local stakeholders and launching new initiatives that support sustainable regional development. We are confident that his expertise will significantly contribute to our mission of fostering innovation and international engagement rooted in the cultural and natural richness of Kumano.

We appreciate your continued support and encouragement as we welcome Mr. Iwata into this important leadership role.

Sincerely,

Adam Lobel, Representative Director

Kumano Shindo General Incorporated Association

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