



[The Nippon Foundation News] The Nippon Foundation Disaster Emergency Support Center

The nationwide state of emergency declared in response to the spread of the new coronavirus was lifted for 39 of Japan's 47 prefectures from May 15, and for the entire country from May 26. While remaining vigilant against a second and third wave of infections by avoiding the "3 Cs" of closed spaces with poor ventilation, crowds, and close face-to-face conversation, and maintaining practices including social distancing, frequent hand washing, and wearing face masks, businesses are beginning to reopen in stages.

At The Nippon Foundation, the emergency medical facility being built adjacent to the Museum of Maritime Science is nearing completion and has been officially named The Nippon Foundation Disaster Emergency Support Center. In light of the changing situation and with the rainy season followed by typhoon season set to begin, the facility is being readied to respond in the event of a rise in COVID-19 cases, as well as emergencies caused by natural disasters over the coming months. The Foundation has also announced a package of emergency medical support measures totaling 5 billion yen to be implemented during 2020. One of the areas included in this package is transportation for patients and medical workers, through partnerships with taxi companies and by providing "Doctor Cars" to medical institutions. This is to be followed by another round of measures in 2021 focusing on medical human resource development.

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The Nippon Foundation Disaster Emergency Support Center as of June 2 (left); Two models of 'Doctor Cars' being donated to emergency medical institutions (center and right)

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More than 40 Artists from 15 Countries/Regions Collaborate on Music Video

Bringing message of hope, positivity, and inclusivity

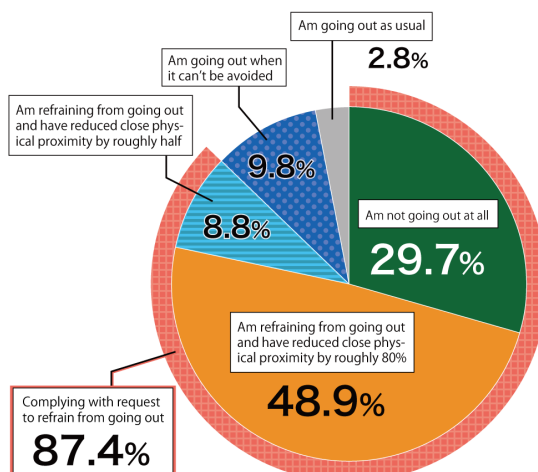


The Nippon Foundation has released a music video in which 46 artists with disabilities from 15 countries and regions perform an updated rendition of “Stand By Me,” the classic Ben E. King hit. The geographically diverse lineup of performers spans many styles and genres, from a cappella to rap, jazz to classical, and ballet to breakdancing. The 4-minute video, an event of the True Colors Festival and filmed collaboratively but remotely in each artist’s home, is a message of hope, positivity, and inclusivity.

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Awareness Survey of 18-Year-Olds

Results of 25th installment announced



The 25th installment of the Awareness Survey of 18-Year-Olds was carried out in mid-April on the theme of the “New Coronavirus.” The survey showed that a large majority of respondents were complying with the government’s request to refrain from going out, and 67% of respondents expected Japan to change after the crisis is brought under control, with government, medical care, and the economy as the top areas where change is needed.

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Uber Eats Providing Free meals to Low-Income Families

Using food to create community bonds

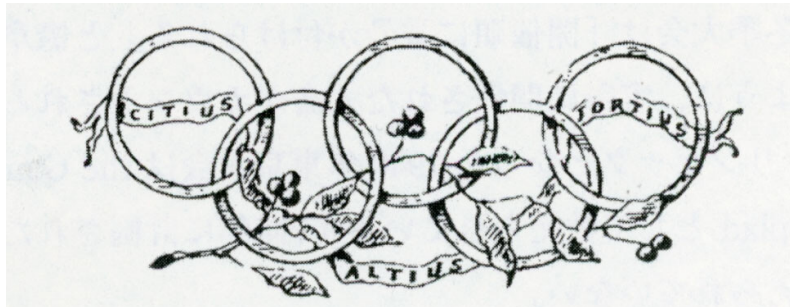


As part of Uber’s global Move What Matters project to provide free transportation and meals in response to the new coronavirus, in Japan Uber Eats has begun providing roughly 40,000 meals to medical workers and families in need, including 10,000 meals to low-income families and families with seriously ill children through facilities set up by The Nippon Foundation..

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Stories from Past Olympics and Paralympics - 2

The ‘Spanish flu’ and the Antwerp Games



The Games of the VII Olympiad were held exactly 100 years ago, in 1920 in Antwerp, Belgium. The world at that time, including Japan, looked quite similar to the world today. The 1918 flu pandemic, also known as the Spanish flu, was rampant. While the World Health Organization declared the spread of the new coronavirus to be a pandemic in March of this year, the Spanish flu was one of the worst pandemics in human history.

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