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Mr. Francis O'shaughnessy

Dear Francis O'shaughnessy;

We are very proud of announce you that we Nippon International Performance Art Festival (NIPAF) Executive Committee would like to invite you as a participant artist of "The 17th NIPAF Asia Performance Art Series" in March 2014.

We are non profit organization and our members are all artists, art lovers and art students. We are always struggling with lot kind of difficulties, but we are now very proud that NIPAF becomes one of the most well known contemporary performance art festival in the world through past 20 years.

Now we have 2 festivals in one year. One is NIPAF International started in 1993 and another is NIPAF Asia started in 1996. The reason why we start NIPAF Asia in 1996 is we realize only one festival is not enough opportunity to know various activities in all Asia. Asia is so big area and it's economical development were so quickly and art development is also same. As one of Asian people, we decide to have one other festival in 1996: NIPAF-Asia. Since 1993, we've already invited more than 400 foreign artists from 50 countries in the world.

This time we will invite 8 Asian artists including you and 12 Japanese artists to 17th NIPAF Asia'14. 8 Asian artists are from 8 different countries, India, Bangladesh, Nepal, Vietnam, Myanmar, Indonesia and Philippines. Japanese artists also will come to join 17th NIPAF Asia from several cities in Japan. We could get support from Japan Arts fund, but it is very limited. I hope you can understand our situation.

The schedule of "The 17th NIPAF Asia Performance Art Series";

Mar. 10 (Mon) Foreign artists arrival to Tokyo/Narita airport
Mar. 11 (Tue) -13 (Thu) Tokyo 3 days NIPAF Asia'14 at "Arts Chiyoda 3331"

Mar. 14 (Fri) Move to Miyazaki, Artist talk

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Mar. 15 (Sat) - 16 (Sun) Miyazaki 2 days NIPAF Asia '14 at "Miyazaki Welfare Hall" Mar. 17 (Mon) Move to Nagano Iizuna highland, start NIPAF seminar

Mar. 18 (Tue) Artist talk and outdoor performance

Mar. 19 (Wed) Seminar in Iizuna highland finish, move to Nagano city

Mar. 20 (Thu) - 21 (Fri) Nagano 2 days NIPAF Asia'14 at "Neon Hall"

Mar. 22 (Sat) Foreign artists departure from Tokyo/Narita airport

We guarantee almost all cost of your cost inside Japan, local transportation costs, accommodation and almost all your foods during this period. But our budget is very limited, we can not cover your other cost like international flight cost, Japanese visa cost if you need it and local transport cost inside your country to your airport. We hope you can understand our situation.

We will let you know more information soon. We appreciate you will send us your photos, drawings, catalogs and any kind of materials for our publicity as soon as possible. We believe that your participation will make 17^{th} NIPAF Asia '14 surely glorious event for all of us.

Best regards

*SEIJI SHIMODA

NIPAF Executive Director