

See you next year Tokyo 2020!

Hello everybody!

As you all now, it was decided on the 23rd March that due to the COVID-19 pandemic the 2020 Tokyo Olympics and Paralympics will be postponed until next year. I'm sure many of you - just like myself - are very disappointed with this fact, but at the same time we all understand motivations behind this tough decision Japanese Government took together with IOC. Health and safety of the athletes and spectators are of the utmost importance to hold successful Games.

Since Kaminoyama is one of the Tokyo 2020 Host Towns we were all sad to hear about the postponement but of course we understand this decision. Everybody in Sport Promotion Division were working really hard since last year to organize the best training camp in Zao Bodaira for Polish Olympic Team. Yes, we need to change our plan and adjust it to the new schedule but our goal is the same: we remain determined to be the best host for Polish Athletes. Let's stay positive and do our best! Kaminoyama will be waiting for you next year, Poland!

The pandemic has had a profound impact on daily life of everybody around the world. Of course, it has changed the way I work, live and spent my free time as well. As a Coordinator of International Relations I was often invited to participate in local events and had opportunity to meet with the locals. I miss this part of my job very much but we need to stay on the safe side and follow the rules of the so called social distancing to protect ourselves and others around us. In these circumstances I'd like to reach out to you more actively through my articles on Kaminoyama Home Page and via Instagram account @beyond_themountains. I will be posting there more often now so please check it out when you have a moment.

In the meantime, stay safe everybody!

I know it's hard right now but let's stay positive!

Until next time,

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