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Dear Mr. Pavel Rozhkov

The ending of the Tokyo 2020 Paralympic Games on September 5th at the Olympic Stadium, brought the Tokyo 2020 Games, which were held for about one month, to a finale.

The COVID-19 pandemic forced the Tokyo 2020 Games to be held under the unprecedented conditions of a one-year postponement and the banning of spectators at the venues. I would like to express my heartfelt gratitude for the enormous support that we received from everyone in the sports world toward the successful delivery of a safe and secure Games amid such circumstances, enabling us to surmount numerous difficulties.

This is especially true for the athletes. The sight of the athletes taking up challenges and refusing to be daunted by this invisible enemy must have delivered courage and hope to people all over the world. I am sure that everyone was able to sense how important and wonderful it is to believe—that your dreams will come true if you don't give up.

I feel that the demonstration of many strengths, including the unlimited power of sports and the energy that is generated from people supporting and helping each other, contributed to the success of the Games.

Furthermore, this was Tokyo's second time to host the Summer Paralympic Games. We took this opportunity to further advance initiatives for an inclusive society, such as firmly introducing barrier-free measures in both hard and soft infrastructure, and promoting social inclusion in which people support each other.

We will devote our resources to linking the Tokyo 2020 legacy to sustainable recovery and presenting a new model for the Olympic and Paralympic Games. Your ongoing support and cooperation, as well as that of the entire world of sports, will be very much appreciated.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Koike Yuriko', written in a cursive style.

Koike Yuriko
Governor of Tokyo