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Distinguished Director General Tobias Biancone,

On behalf of the faculty and the students from the Central Academy of Drama, I would like to extend my sincerest greetings to you and your colleagues from ITI.

The world is now facing a huge challenge caused by COVID-19. There are sorrows, but there are, and there will be more, good news.

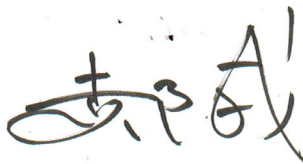
In a war against an invisible and fierce enemy, we especially need an intangible yet powerful weapon: art. We get inspired by art and inspire one another via art.

The virus has affected our social life to varying degrees. Many of our exchange activities have been postponed or cancelled. However, our friendship will not be cut off, just as our love for art and life will stay unswerving. The pandemic cannot beat us. It'll only enhance our kinship with family and friends, and lead countries to care for, support and help each other.

We are all in this together. All the hardship we have endured will eventually become stepping stones for a brighter future. Fighting together, we will soon see the glory of victory.

I am looking forward to our reunion in the near future, where we show smiling faces and art is celebrated.

Wish you all good health!



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