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**Dear Donors,**

The COVID-19 pandemic has fallen upon us completely out of the blue. In one instant the museum that was always filled with crowds, shut down its lights, for a prolonged period of time.

Therefore, we are humbly requesting your help in these difficult times.

Allow us to shortly tell you about this wonderful institution: The Tikotin Museum for Japanese Art.

Founded in 1960 by Felix Tikotin with the help of the then mayor of Haifa, Aba Khushi. Felix Tikotin was a Holocaust survivor that managed to hide from the Nazis and smuggle his rare Art collection from Germany to the Netherlands. Tikotin preserved his collection during the war and brought it to Israel when the war ended.

Tikotin's daughters, among them Mrs. Ilana Drukker-Tikotin, current Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the museum, were separated from their family and were hidden during the horrific years during the Nazi rule.

Mrs. Ilana Drukker-Tikotin, who resides in Jerusalem, is highly involved in our activities.

During its 60 years of activity, the museum's main goal has been to educate and expose the Israeli people to the Japanese culture, to enrich their artistic life and promote the mutual understanding and cultural connections between Israel and Japan, thus encouraging the study of Japanese Art and Culture.

During the years the museum became a byword name and won several prestigious awards, notably The Japanese foundation Prize awarded in the honorable presence of the Japanese Emperor.

We are thankful and appreciate any assistance and donation, as well as the involvement and friendship with anyone who cares deeply about the Japanese wonderful culture and Art.

This assistance will also surely contribute to strengthen the existing connections between Israel and Japan.

We hope to see you in the museum **and we are always here at your service for any questions or requests.**

The cell phone numbers in the bottom of the letter is available for you.

Best regards,

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