## Dear Skating Friends

Prince MIKASA, initiated after his 100<sup>th</sup> birthday to make the club competition baring his name lager. Although he can no longer witness it's success, - we are honored to continue in his name.

With great pleasure we welcome the news, that after almost 50 years of it's existence as Japanese Club Competition the "Prince MIKASA Cup Ice Dance Competition" will also be announced to overseas countries to welcome international competitors as well.

We strongly hope that many young Ice Dance couples from all around the world especially from Asia, Oceania hopefully also from the Pacific Region and South Africa will get together in the "Prince MIKASA Cup Ice Dance Competition". It will offer a new possibility to develop also this sport discipline in those new areas.

We believe that this Ice Dance Competition will become an annual wonderful opportunity for all participants, where new friendships can be made, where athletes from all over the region will be able to encourage each other by their performances.

The ISU is supporting Ice Dance globally, and we are sure that the increasing international interest and growing number of dance teams will help the sport to grow.

With best regards

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