

April 2, 2020

**Notice: Cancellation or postponement of ifia/HFE JAPAN 2020**

Thank you very much for your cooperation.

Due to future concerns about the spread of the new coronavirus infection, we have decided to cancel or postpone ifia/HFE JAPAN 2020 scheduled for April 22<sup>nd</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at Aomi Exhibition Hall of Tokyo Big Sight.

In consideration of the importance of ifia / HFE JAPAN in the food industry and the gathering of food technicians with a high awareness of hygiene, we were going to hold this exhibition and conference having taken all possible safety measures and made preparations unless there is a request from the government to refrain from doing so preparing for safety measures. However, the situation is changing every moment, and a series of emergency meetings between the government and Tokyo from last weekend to the beginning of this week, especially in Tokyo where the venue is located, have seen a sudden increase in the number of infected people recently.

The current self-restraint request period in Tokyo is until April 12 (Sun), which is outside the exhibition period, however it was concluded that the number of infected people are increasing and also the period for requesting self-restraint will continue in consultation with the relevant ministries and experts on the latest situation. In addition, considering that the number of companies that limit travel to the end of April is increasing, we became to this decision without waiting for Tokyo's declaration of extension of self-restraint request.

We sincerely apologize to all those who were looking forward to coming to this exhibition. Future plans will be announced as soon as the 2020 postponement or cancellation is decided.

Thank you for your continued support,  
Sincerely yours,

ifia/HFE JAPAN 2020

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