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Announcement of changing the format and reducing the scale of HIROSHIMA 2020

In regard to our International Animation Festival, which has always been held under the spirit of LOVE & PEACE every two years since its first edition in 1985, we were preparing enthusiastically for its 18th edition, which planned to be held from August 20th to 24th this year. However, in the current circumstances due to corona virus outbreak, which we are not able to say for certain when it will end, we had to determine that we are not capable of dispelling the risk of infection completely without changing our conventional festival format, which involves many domestic and international visitors and affiliates.

Therefore, we have now decided to take place HIROSHIMA 2020 on another format and smaller scale as follows.

1. The official competition, the core of our festival, is going to be held using online conference system by the international jury members in place of public screenings with audience at the festival venue.
2. We are going to cancel all our special programs such as the screening of superior animation works from around the world, Educational Film Market, workshops and all pre-events for instance 'The Festival Eve'.
3. As for award-winning films, due to cancellation of the screenings, we will continuously consider the possibility to open them to the public via the Internet.

We will keep you update for further details as soon as we decide on our official website.

[Comparison of Before and After the amendments]

Date	Before	After
Before Festival	• Pre-events	
August 20th – 24th	• Official competition (open to public) • Special programs • Educational Film Market, Workshops, etc. • Announcement of the winners	• Official competition (online conference)
End of August		• Announcement of the winners