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A New Beginning for the Foundation of IICLO

Thank you very much for your continued warm support for the IICLO.

We have restarted the foundation at the Osaka Prefectural Central Library, renewing the system. We are very relieved that we have managed to launch it again in these new circumstances.

We are going to continue to contribute to the field of children's literature and culture. Although the number of staff is very limited, we will restructure our activities, work in closer cooperation with Osaka prefectural government and tackle new activities positively.

All the materials at IICLO have been transferred to the Osaka Prefectural Central Library (Central Library) in Higashi Osaka City and the section will be open in May. The facilities, such as collection, classification and preservation are going to be maintained and the reading room and the stack room will be separated from the ones of other sections of the library.

We will do what is necessary in order to continue to receive books and magazines and to support the Osaka Prefectural Central Library in developing and preserving the precious materials which are given by many individuals and publishing companies and number over 700,000.

It is as if the foundation were a small boat launching itself on to the rough sea, but we will look to the future and do our best to contribute to society through children's literature and culture. We humbly ask that you continue to give us your support.

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