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Cancellation of Toray Pan Pacific Open Tennis 2021

It is with great regret to announce that the Toray Pan Pacific Open Tennis Executive Committee (headquartered in Tokyo's Minato ward and led by tournament director Yutaka Nakagawa), after much consultation with WTA, decided to cancel the Toray Pan Pacific Open Tennis 2021 (WTA500) which was to take place this September.

The Executive Committee, together with WTA, looked at every possible way to make this international tournament happen, by implementing various measures to prevent the spread of novel coronavirus (COVID-19) including the idea of restricting admissions, in order to prioritize the health and safety of everyone involved including players, officials, ball boys and girls, stewards, sponsors and partners, suppliers and contractors, media, guests and all other staff. However, also in consideration of the border enforcement and quarantine measures for those traveling to Japan, the Executive Committee made a heartrending decision that it was best to cancel the tournament.

This will be the second cancellation, following the first last year, since this tournament commenced in 1984. This is a regrettable outcome not only for the international tennis players but for all tennis fans inside and outside of Japan who were looking forward to watching top quality tennis. The Executive Committee will now shift its focus on making 2022 tournament a great success.

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