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Honolulu, Hawaii

Quarterly Issues and Programs Lists

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In accordance with the Commission's Rules, the following in the opinion of station KFOX (1650 AM) Torrance is representative of the problems and needs of the Korean American and Asian American communities for the time period mentioned above.

They are not necessarily listed in order of importance. Each issue has been addressed by significant public affairs and/or public service announcement programming in response to these needs.

Public Affairs Department of KFOX1650 has determined the issues list below:

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Topic – Free coronavirus 19 test in Koreatown today.

A free three-day coronavirus test will be conducted in Korean Town, LA.

The coronavirus 19 inspection will be conducted by the non-profit organization "Community Relief Effort" (CORE), and anyone can be tested on a first-come, first-served basis without a reservation.

The inspection will be conducted from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. at Liberty Park (3700 Wilshire Blvd) in Koreatown.

The Census booth will also be installed at the inspection site, allowing residents who have not responded to the Census survey yet to participate in the Census.

Inquiries (323)822-4873

Responsive Programming

Radio News Program has covered the information about the Free Coronavirus 19 test being held in Koreatown. Public announcement to inform Californians to take free tests.

Date / Time (Duration)

October 3rd, 2020 / 10 Minutes

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QUARTERLY ISSUES AND PROGRAMS LISTS

Topic – Pre-voting 'Fever'... More than 10 times more than the last presidential election.

With the November 3 presidential election just around the corner on the 25th, there is an unprecedented pre-voting craze across the U.S.

According to Reuters on the 9th, more than 6.6 million U.S. voters have already voted early or by mail, according to an analysis of the United States Elections Project, which analyzes election data.

This is more than 10 times the number of voters in the same period ahead of the 2016 presidential election.

"I've never seen so many people vote early," said Michael McDonald, a professor at Florida University who leads the U.S. Election Project. "It seems that many people have already made a judgment on President Donald Trump."

"The number of postal votes has increased significantly due to concerns over the spread of coronavirus 19, and as competition between President Trump and Democratic presidential candidate Joe Biden intensified, the voting fever has become unprecedented," he said.

McDonald's predicted that 150 million people, or 65 percent of all voters, will vote in this year's presidential election. This is the highest turnout since 1908.

According to the U.S. Election Assistance Commission (EAC), the number of people visiting polling stations on election day is steadily decreasing.

On the other hand, the number of people participating in early voting or postal voting surged from 25 million in 2004 to 57 million in 2016 (about 40% of all voters). In particular, the phenomenon that is notable in the pre-voting craze is that 39.5% of the total pre-voting voters came from Wisconsin, which is considered a competitive state, and Michigan and Florida.

Wisconsin accounts for 17 percent of registered voters in each state, while Michigan and Florida account for 10.9 percent and 8 percent, respectively.

Considering that Biden widened the approval rating gap with U.S. President Trump by up to 6.7 percentage points in the region, some analysts say that the election trend is flowing in favor of Biden.

Figures also confirm U.S. voters' interest in the upcoming presidential election.

The number of viewers for the first TV debate of the vice presidential candidate exceeded 57.9 million (based on the Nielsen Media Research tally), the second highest since 2008.

In particular, Biden's campaign has been known to have raised \$9 million in just three hours since 9 p.m., when the debate began, raising an unusual interest in discussing the vice presidential candidate.

Responsive Programming

Radio News Program has covered the Pre-Voting situations for the 2020 Presidential Election. Noting that the pre-voting mail in participants are more than 10 times than the last presidential election due to Coronavirus outbreak.

Date / Time (Duration)

October 10th, 2020 / 15 Minutes

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Topic – WHO says Remdesivir has little effect.

According to a study by the World Health Organization, the antiviral drug "REMESIVIR" of U.S. pharmaceutical company Gilead Science has little effect on coronavirus 19 patients.

Remdesivir is also known as the treatment that U.S. President Donald Trump, who was confirmed to have a coronavirus on the 2nd (local time).

Reuters reported on the 15th that Remdesivir failed to shorten the hospitalization period or reduce the death rate of patients in a joint experiment conducted by the WHO on 11,266 inpatients.

The WHO's solidarity test is a multinational clinical trial to verify the efficacy and safety of the coronavirus candidate group, and is being conducted in addition to Remdesivir, the malaria drug hydroxychloroquin, the human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) treatment Ropinavir/Litonavir, and the antiviral interferon.

However, the study found that none of these candidates had a significant impact on the survival of patients admitted to the hospital.

Responsive Programming

Radio Talk Show Program has covered the recent WHO public announcement about the Remdesivir has little to no effect on Coronavirus which was known to public that antiviral drug has effect against Coronavirus.

Date / Time (Duration)

October 17th, 2020 / 15 Minutes

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Topic – Federal Post Office "handled 100 million postal ballots" after September 4th.

The Hill reported on the 22nd that the Federal Post Office (USPS) processed 100 million postal ballots in this year's U.S. presidential election.

The USPS confirmed that it has processed 100 million ballots sent to voters since Sept. 4 ahead of the November 3 U.S. presidential election, including empty ballots sent to voters and ballots sent to the National Election Commission. The USPS also said it sent more than 523 million campaign mails, up 162 percent from the 2016 presidential election.

According to the Washington Post, many states, including New Hampshire, allowed postal voting for all non-absent voters for the first time this year, and 12 states, including Wisconsin, Arizona and Iowa, sent mail voting applications to all registered voters. Ten states automatically sent mail ballots to all voters.

Responsive Programming

Radio News Program reported about the news '**Federal Post Office "handled 100 million postal ballots" after September 4th.'**

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October 23th, 2020 / 10 Minutes

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Topic – Grocery Market staff are most vulnerable to coronavirus.

Grocery Market was found to be the most vulnerable to coronavirus.

A study found that one out of five people working at the Grocery Market in the U.S. was tested positive for Corona 19.

According to CNN on the 29th, researchers at Boston University Medical School and others surveyed 104 employees of the Grocery Market in Boston in May and found that 20% were found to be positive for Corona 19.

The researchers analyzed that this is significantly higher than the infection rate in neighboring communities.

CNN also diagnosed that the rate of infection in the Netherlands is twice that of 10 percent, which is higher than that of jobs that were usually considered high-risk groups.

In particular, the probability of infection among employees serving customers was five times higher than that of employees in charge of other tasks.

Responsive Programming

Radio News Program reported about the news' **Grocery Market staff are most vulnerable to coronavirus.** Warning the public that the public grocery market's situation as it is vulnerable to coronavirus.

Date / Time (Duration)

October 30th, 2020 / 10 Minutes

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QUARTERLY ISSUES AND PROGRAMS LISTS

Topic – Register voters by text message without visiting

While direct elections will be held on December 12 to elect the next Korean president in LA, the National Election Commission (NEC) has begun the postal voting process, starting with voter registration.

The NEC held a press conference at the Korea Center on the 5th and said it has prepared various ways to make voter registration easier to encourage more Koreans to participate.

According to the National Election Commission, Koreans aged 18 or older living in LA County can register as voters by the 2nd of next month for voting for the Korean president, and a postal ballot will be sent to the registered address.

Voter registration can be made by submitting a copy of his ID card (one of DMV driver's license, DMV ID, or consulate ID). The form can be taken directly from the Korean Center in LA or downloaded through the Korean Society website (kafla.org/ko) or the Korean Association's exclusive mobile app.

For submission, visit the Korean Center in LA directly, or email (election@kafla.org), fax ((323)732-7009), and post (981 S. Western Ave). Suite 100, LA, CA 90006), or take a picture and send it to a text message (213)800-2824).

Such voter registration procedures are also provided on the Los Angeles Korean Association website and mobile apps. When voter registration is completed normally, a text message or mail message will be sent to you saying that you have completed voter registration. Postal ballot papers will be sent to all registered voters, and when they receive the postal ballot, they can fill it out and put it in a mailbox nearby.

On-site voting is also available on Dec. 12, the election day. There are three polling stations in Los Angeles, Korea Town, South and North LA, and the exact location has yet to be announced. Postal ballot papers can be submitted directly to on-site polling stations.

The NEC said, "It prevents duplicate voter registration by double triple through identification number, name, date of birth, and address, and has a unique barcode for each registered voter, making it impossible to vote repeatedly."

Voter Registration Inquiries (323)732-0192

Responsive Programming

Radio News Program shared information on how to register to vote by text message without visiting. Public to be aware that there are many ways to register to vote.

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November 6th, 2020 / 15 Minutes

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QUARTERLY ISSUES AND PROGRAMS LISTS

Topic – Corona blockade in some states...More than 180,000 patients a day.

Some state governments have issued a coronavirus lockdown order again as the third pandemic of the new coronavirus outbreak (Corona 19) has worsened.

According to CNN and the New York Times on the 14th, New Mexico and Oregon have decided to impose a two-week home evacuation order to curb the spread of coronavirus.

In order to stop the spread of coronavirus, New Mexico has suspended operations in non-essential industries from the 16th to the 30th, and residents have to stay at home except for emergency medical care and food purchases.

"We're in a life-and-death situation," New Mexico Gov. Michelle Luhan Grisham said. "If we don't act right now, we can't save lives."

Oregon has also decided to implement a two-week freeze that obliges corporate workers to work from home on Wednesday.

The state will ban restaurants and bars from operating indoors and allow only take-out and delivery. It also limited the number of social gatherings to six within two households and ordered sports facilities to be closed where many people can gather.

Oregon Gov. Kate Brown warned that "the spread of coronavirus is dangerous and the hospital system is raising alarms."

In addition, three western U.S. states, California, Oregon and Washington, issued travel warnings simultaneously to prevent the spread of coronavirus.

The three states urged residents to avoid traveling outside state boundaries and advised all visitors arriving in the state to self-quarantine for 14 days.

California Gov. Gavin Newsom said, "There are more than 1 million cases of coronavirus in our state, and there is no sign of a slowdown in the spread of coronavirus."

The North Dakota government, which has opposed the mandatory wearing of masks, has issued an administrative order to force the wearing of masks in the wake of the rapid spread of Corona and imposed fines of up to \$1,000 for violations.

In addition, the number of indoor capacity in all bars and restaurants was limited to 50 percent, and night operations were suspended from 10 p.m. to 4 a.m. the next day.

In addition, six northeastern governors, including New York, decided to hold an emergency meeting to curb the spread of coronavirus soon, and Arkansas began operating a task force to curb the spread of coronavirus in winter.

Meanwhile, the number of confirmed cases of coronavirus in the U.S. exceeded 180,000 a day, hitting a new high for the fourth consecutive day.

According to Johns Hopkins University in the U.S., 184,514 people in the U.S. were confirmed to have coronavirus during the one-day period on Wednesday.

In addition, the number of patients hospitalized with coronavirus reached 68,500 as of Thursday, the highest for four consecutive days.

Responsive Programming

Radio News Program discussed about the Coronavirus lockdown being enabled again in some states due to increase in cases.

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November 14th, 2020 / 15 Minutes

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Topic – Pfizer to file an urgent application for vaccine use with the FDA.

The U.S. pharmaceutical company Pfizer and Germany's Bioentech applied for approval for the emergency use of the coronavirus jointly developed by the Federal Food and Drug Administration on the 20th.

Pfizer said in a release on the same day, "The use of vaccines for high-risk populations in the U.S. may be possible from mid-December to late December this year."

"We will be ready to distribute the vaccine within hours of approval," they said.

It plans to produce up to 50 million doses of vaccine within this year and 1.3 billion doses by the end of next year.

Pfizer and Bioentech announced on the 18th that the final clinical trial of the coronavirus showed 95% prevention. There were no safety concerns among clinical participants.

"The application in the U.S. is an important milestone in our journey to distribute the coronavirus around the world," Pfizer CEO Albert Bula said. "We have a more complete picture of the effectiveness and safety of the vaccine and are confident of its potential.

He stressed that he is working closely with regulators around the world, including the FDA, to approve vaccines as quickly as possible.

"Application for emergency license in the U.S. is an important step in providing our vaccine candidates to people around the world as soon as possible," said Uguer Zahin, CEO of Bioentech.

"We will continue to work with regulators around the world to quickly distribute the vaccine to the world," he said, adding that he is also discussing with the European Medicines Agency (EMA).

Responsive Programming

Radio News Program to share news about the vaccine Pfizer to file an urgent application for vaccine use to the FDA.

Date / Time (Duration)

November 20th, 2020 / 12 Minutes

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QUARTERLY ISSUES AND PROGRAMS LISTS

Topic – OC Pasadena Restaurants L.A. Expedition Guests 'Crowded'

Pasadena and Orange County restaurants are crowded with customers from Los Angeles.

As Los Angeles County imposed an additional blockade banning restaurants from operating outdoors, more and more people are visiting Pasadena and Orange County restaurants where outdoor operations are allowed.

On the 27th, tents for outdoor business in Patona parking lot, which were set up by Korean Town restaurants in LA, remained deserted.

However, Pasadena is the only city in Los Angeles County that allows restaurants to operate outdoors, increasing the number of Los Angeles residents visiting Pasadena restaurants.

Pasadena restaurants, which opened on Thursday's Thanksgiving Day, were crowded with Los Angeles residents who wanted to eat outdoors. There were also Pasadena restaurants prepared in advance in anticipation of a large number of LA guests.

They offered an outdoor dinner menu for Los Angeles customers who could not go to the restaurant.

According to ABC on the 27th, not a few customers have driven miles from LA to Pasadena restaurants that are not affected by LA County's outdoor business ban.

Some Los Angeles residents who visited Pasadena restaurants to enjoy Thanksgiving dinner expressed strong dissatisfaction with the county's ban on outdoor operations, the broadcast reported.

Pasadena has its own health department, which allows it to enforce its own health administrative orders without following the county health department's administrative orders.

"The ban on outdoor operations seems very unfair to restaurant owners," said Lanju Jian, who came to Pasadena for dinner in Los Angeles. "This is especially true for small restaurants that have been hit hardest by the coronavirus outbreak.

Orange County is also crowded with Los Angeles residents.

Orange County is the first stage of "Purple" like Los Angeles County, but it still allows restaurants to operate outdoors, so many Los Angeles residents visit Orange County to visit restaurants that operate outdoors.

ABC predicted that for at least three weeks, when restaurants are banned from operating outdoors, there will be more LA customers visiting orange county restaurants, especially on weekends.

Responsive Programming

Radio News Program to share news about the Orange County and Pasadena restaurants and businesses to be crowded due to LA county people to travel to the city and dine as their dining policy is "outside dine-in available"

Date / Time (Duration)

November 28th, 2020 / 15 Minutes

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QUARTERLY ISSUES AND PROGRAMS LISTS

Topic – L.A. County Sheriff Department. 'Regulating social gatherings and events'

LA County's Sheriff Bureau begins crackdown on health authorities for violators of telecommuting executive orders.

CBS reported on the 4th that director Alex Villanueva Sheriff announced plans to crack down on health administrative violators, and that police forces will be concentrated on the crackdown on large-scale gatherings.

According to the broadcast, director of the bureau Villanueva Sheriff said he would continue to crack down on "super spread events" that spread the virus, although he would encourage residents to voluntarily obey administrative orders.

Director General Villanueva Sheriff announced the crackdown on his Twitter account, but did not disclose any further details..

Responsive Programming

Radio News Program to report public information of LA County Sheriff department to focusing on regulating more social gatherings and events.

Date / Time (Duration)

December 5th, 2020 / 15 Minutes

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QUARTERLY ISSUES AND PROGRAMS LISTS

Topic – CDC Advisory Committee recommends Pfizer's coronavirus vaccine.

The Anti-Vaccination Advisory Committee (ACIP), an advisory body of the CDC, recommended the use of a new coronavirus infection (Corona 19) vaccine by pharmaceutical company Pfizer on the 12th.

The ACIP held a meeting and voted to recommend Americans aged 16 or older to vaccinate the coronavirus jointly developed by Pfizer and Bioentech, Bloomberg and CNN reported.

The ACIP voted "11-0" to determine the appropriate use of the vaccine to the general public in the U.S. Three of the advisors abstained from voting because of conflicts of interest.

The ACIP also recommended that doctors and nurses check the condition for 30 minutes after vaccination for those who have experienced hypersensitivity or allergic reactions. It is recommended that pregnant women, breastfeeding women, and people with impaired immune systems decide whether to vaccinate themselves.

One of the advisors, Peter Silage, a professor of pediatrics at the University of California, Los Angeles, said, "We voted to support the vaccine because of its record of efficacy and safety, and clear evidence of its advantages and risks."

ACIP's vaccine recommendation is a necessary procedure for newly developed vaccines to be inoculated to people. If CDC Director Robert Redfield accepts the recommendation and officially approves the use of the vaccine, he can actually inject people's arms from then on.

CNN reports Redfield is expected to approve ACIP's recommendation within hours.

Earlier in the day, another government organization, the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), issued an emergency approval for Pfizer's coronavirus vaccine on Wednesday. The CDC can decide whether to recommend using the vaccine after the FDA approves the emergency use.

If the CDC finally approves Pfizer's coronavirus vaccine during the day, vaccination is expected to begin as early as the 14th in the U.S.

Army General Gustavo Pena, chief operating officer of the U.S. administration's coronavirus program "High Speed Operation," said Monday morning that Pfizer's coronavirus vaccine will begin arriving at 145 locations across the country.

The CDC had previously recommended that health authorities put medical institutions workers, long-term care facility entrants and employees at the top priority of vaccination.

Reuters predicted that hospitals will start emergency vaccinations for employees as early as the 14th.

Responsive Programming

Radio Program LA Lately to provide information on Pfizer vaccine to be the recommended vaccine.

Date / Time (Duration)

December 12th, 2020 / 15 Minutes

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QUARTERLY ISSUES AND PROGRAMS LISTS

Topic – "Olympic Police Station Can't Be Closed," a South Korean voice said.

While the Los Angeles Police Department is reportedly considering shutting down the Olympic police station in charge of Koreatown due to budget cuts, Korean organizations have begun to come up with measures at the pan-community level to protect the Olympic police station.

Korean organizations have decided to mobilize all the political power of the Korean community to form an emergency organization to prevent the closure of the Olympic police station, saying that the closure of the Olympic police station will lead to a security vacuum in the Korean town.

Representatives from more than 10 Korean organizations, including the Korean Chamber of Commerce and Industry, held an emergency press conference in front of the Olympic Police Station on Wednesday and urged the Los Angeles Police Department and the city government to immediately stop reviewing the shutdown.

Kang Il-han, president of the Korean Chamber of Commerce in Los Angeles, said, "If the Olympic police station is closed, it will be hit hard. We should not go back to the past when the police in the Korean town were dualized to Wilshire and Lampart."

In particular, Korean organizations were concerned that if the Olympic police station was closed, downtown, South LA, and Hollywood would be the most vulnerable areas to crime.

The Korean Association in Los Angeles also issued an emergency statement on the same day and said it would launch a large-scale campaign to protect the Olympic police station.

In a statement, Laura said, "Korea Town, which has an Olympic police station, should not be damaged because of temporary financial difficulties, and the closure of the Olympic police station is ignoring the Korean community who wanted to establish a police station in our town."

Officials from Korean organizations also voiced the need to join forces at the level of the Korean community to prevent the closure of the Olympic police station.

At the emergency press conference, the heads of 10 Korean-American organizations agreed to form emergency organizations at the pan-community level and come up with countermeasures to prevent the closure of the Olympic police station.

Kang Il-han, chairman of the LA Chamber of Commerce, said, "To prevent the shutdown of the Olympic police station, we will form an emergency committee to directly communicate to the city council the opinions of Koreans who oppose the shutdown of the police station and launch a massive petition campaign on the Internet."

After receiving \$170 million in budget cuts from the city, Michael Moore, the head of the Los Angeles Police Department, will report to the city and Congress by next month.

Moore is reportedly considering whether to include closing three of the most recently installed police stations, including the Olympic police station, Topanga and Mission police stations.

If Moore's budget cuts, including the closure of the Olympic police station, pass the city council, the operation of the police station could be suspended as early as July next year.

Responsive Programming

Radio News Program to discuss about the recent decision to close Olympic Blvd. Police Station as the Korean-American communities have been against the decision.

Date / Time (Duration)

December 19th, 2020 / 12 Minutes

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QUARTERLY ISSUES AND PROGRAMS LISTS

Topic – Christmas in Corona America's depressing statistics... "Most needy holiday"

"Infectious disease with a population of 5%, double-digit poverty rate, zero spectators in Major League Baseball."

This is a depressing self-portrait of the U.S. that celebrated Christmas on the 25th amid the pandemic of the new coronavirus infection (Corona 19).

The Associated Press said, "The Americans are in a state of shock," adding, "It's creepy. "We are having the most economically deprived end-of-year holidays," said Internet media Axios.

Currently, the number of people infected with coronavirus in the U.S. stands at 18.65 million, or about 5 percent of the population, or 330 million. The death toll stood at 329,000, or 0.1 percent. The U.S. is stigmatized by ranking first with 23 percent of confirmed cases and 19 percent of deaths worldwide.

"The epidemic has caused Americans and small and medium-sized companies to struggle to survive for nine months," Axios said, adding that volunteers at the Food Bank, which distributes food for free, are turning to feed their families.

Specifically, a survey this fall found that 27 million, or 13 percent of American adults, did not get enough food in the previous week. This is four times the level of last year's survey.

In a survey last week, the U.S. poverty rate stood at 11.7 percent, up 2.4 percentage points from last year, the largest increase in 60 years.

Other surveys showed that 12 million people will default on an average of \$5850 in monthly rent and utility bills by next year.

According to the AP, the employment rate compared to January decreased 20.3 percent for low-income workers, while the number of high-income workers increased 0.2 percent, showing contrast between income groups.

Still, 28.8 percent of small and medium-sized businesses were closed.

Due to job losses, reduced telecommuting and reduced travel, driving distance for Americans decreased by 35.3 billion miles (56.8 billion kilometers) in the first eight months. This is a distance that can travel more than 1.4 million times around the Earth.

The number of domestic passengers in the U.S. from March to July stood at 272 million, down 76 percent from the same period last year. The loss in the international aviation industry amounts to \$118.5 billion (130 trillion won).

As travel and travel decreased, Americans' traffic-related spending fell 50.9 percent compared to January, while restaurants and hotels also decreased 36.6 percent.

Spending on entertainment and recreation has fallen by a whopping 64.3 percent.

Last year, 24,430 games were played during the MLB regular season, and 68.49 million people visited the stadium.

However, this year, the number of Major League games dropped to 898, and the number of spectators was zero due to the absence of spectators.

There were 253,000 people who watched the show on Broadway in the first week of March, but since mid-March, the number of visitors has been zero since it closed due to coronavirus 19.

On the other hand, alcohol consumption has increased. During the pandemic, liquor sales rose 21.8 percent to \$62.5 billion, and especially alcohol sales online jumped 256 percent in September.

Responsive Programming

Radio Talk Show program to discuss about the recent statistics and rising cases of Coronavirus effecting the holiday season. Warning the public and also providing more information.

Date / Time (Duration)

December 25th, 2020 / 25 Minutes

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QUARTERLY ISSUES AND PROGRAMS LISTS

Topic – Times Square Surrounded by Steel Walls...New York's New Year's celebration, where crowds have disappeared.

Times Square in New York, the U.S., was literally surrounded by iron walls.

Since the afternoon of the previous day, police iron fences have been installed at the entrance of 21 roads around Times Square, and large trucks have been mobilized to block the streets.

It was a measure by the New York Police to completely block the public from entering the New Year's event, which will be held behind closed doors to prevent new coronavirus infections.

Earlier, the New York PD even announced on Twitter that it would restrict passengers not only inside the Times Square control line but also outside of the Times Square.

According to the New York City government, the number of people gathering around Times Square every year for New Year's celebrations is 1 million.

Some point out that the figures have been inflated, but the authorities were adamant that they would leave large crowds unattended and avoid only a situation in which holes were made in the quarantine.

Five hotel guests in the restricted area were banned from leaving the hotel.

According to the authorities' policy, public access to the New Year's event has been blocked.

Only 39 people and their families were able to watch the event in person, including doctors, supermarket workers, and pizza delivery workers, who contributed to the community and received the title of "hero."

New York Mayor Bill Double Lazio and his wife pressed the button to start the countdown at the end of their term next year, and 1,300 kilograms of paper powder was sprayed on Times Square as the year changed.

The scene was broadcast live throughout the world and the Internet.

However, some citizens and tourists gathered near the control line despite police control.

The reason was that he wanted to see the large crystal ball installed on the 110-meter-high One Times Square building beyond the steel fence, and listen to the singers' songs on the special stage.

"I'm disappointed that I can't see the crystal ball falling along with the New Year's countdown," said Dylan and Shay, a couple in their 20s who visited New York in southern Arkansas.

As Gloria Geiner's voice echoed around the 1970s hit song "I Will Survive," which is back in vogue due to the coronavirus, some citizens outside the control line sang along with the chorus.

Initially, the NYPD issued a warning that it would actively disband the crowd outside the control line, but officers at the scene did not stop citizens from celebrating the New Year.

Melissa, a woman in her 30s from Louisiana, said, "A police officer kindly guided me that I could go to Times Square then, saying that control would be lifted within 15 minutes after the New Year's event."

Hundreds of people were also formed in areas away from the control line, including parks around Radio City Theater, but police forces did not reach them.

Responsive Programming

Radio Talk Show program to discuss about the New York's situation and overall the New Year's Eve being very different from last year due to Coronavirus.

Date / Time (Duration)

December 31th, 2020 / 20 Minutes